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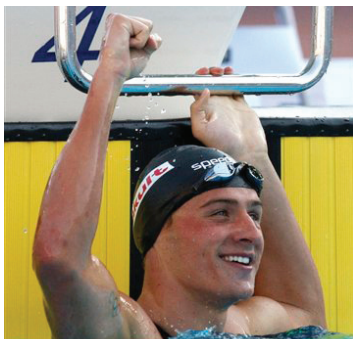
**STATE BUDGETS**



This photo dated May 2009 and provided by Caspian Makan, 37-year-old photojournalist in Tehran who identified himself as the boyfriend of Neda Agha Soltan, purports to show Neda Agha Soltan whose death on a Tehran, Iran, street was captured graphically on amateur videos which were published on the World Wide Web. The Iranian opposition is due to hold a "silent memorial" Thursday, July 30, 2009, for victims of post-election violence in defiance of a government ban on the gathering and opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi's Web site says he plans to attend the ceremony.

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**SPORTS NEWS**  
**LOCHE'D UP**



Ryan Lochte of the United States reacts after winning the Men's 200 Individual Medley final, at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Rome, Thursday, July 30, 2009.

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## Bucuti Beach Resort recertified ISO14001 Environmental Certification

**EAGLE BEACH** - Management and Staff of the Bucuti Beach Resort celebrate the news that they have been re-certified for the ISO 14001 Environmental Standards of operation. Bucuti was the first resort hotel in the America's and the Caribbean to obtain the ISO 14001 certification in 2003 and are awarded recertification for the 6<sup>th</sup> year, this year. Environmental Law Specialist Mr. Ray Kirton of AJA Registrars conducted the certification Audit.

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies from more than 140 countries.

Perhaps better recognized is the ISO 9000 series certification which has been earned by tens of thousands of businesses in their initiative for quality management and quality assurance. The ISO 14000 series provides a similar



framework for environmental management.

This 14001 standard is applicable to any organization that wishes to: implement, maintain and improve an environmental management system assure itself of its conformance with its own stated environmental policy demonstrate conformance and

make a self-determination of conformance

ensure compliance with environmental laws and regulations seek certification of its environmental management system by an external third party organization The Bucuti 'Green Team' is composed of the hotel's department heads who maintain certification standards by setting and implementing

environmental policy with extensive training programs for the members of their departments, year round. They also meet with each other in monthly 'Green Team' meetings to coordinate on a property level.

Environmental preservation is a strong aspect of the Bucuti Beach Resort's company culture and every associate takes part in the company's initiative. Further, Bucuti regularly gives tours to

students, colleagues, service groups and others from Aruba as well as countries who have heard of the success of the environmental program and wish to learn how to implement environmental initiatives themselves.. Tours of the property assist visitors about how they can achieve their own success and certifications.

Bucuti is the recipient of numerous environmental awards and accolades over the past decade the International Hotel and Restaurant Association (IHRA) based in Paris, France, Green Globe, American

Express, the Caribbean Hotel Association, the Aruba Hotel Association, Island's Magazine, National Geographic Magazine and others.

Photo depicts Bucuti's 'Green Team' with Bucuti's ISO certification

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With their last performance more than a decade ago, music lovers will be able to enjoy a gathering of Aruba's top 20 jazz musicians brought together for this Gala event!

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While you are enjoying the retro menu prepared by the resorts culinary team, the maestro and his band will take you back to the 60's with guest performers:

Sashiko da Camara: This jazz vocalist came to the Caribbean Hotel in 1963 as a member of the Ralph Flanegin Big Band. She performed nightly at the Bali Club for three months, and has resided in Aruba

ever since. We are proud to have Sashiko as the featured opening act of the evening.

Other guest performers featured with the Caribbean Big Band include Edwin Abath, Placido Hazel, and Amy Mendez.

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Don't miss this golden moment in time, where we celebrate memories and the worthy cause of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation.

The resort wishes to thank its sponsors: Interprint, Heineken, Romar Trading, Aruba Trading Company, Tropical Bottling Company, Island Temptations and Marketing Plus NV.

Pictured here, the press conference and the resort opening in yesteryears. □





Stop in to taste the winning combination

# Salt & Pepper's JC to compete in Bartender Contest

PALMBEACH - Salt & Pepper bartender JC competes in the Romar Bartender Contest this Friday, July 31. Every year well known bartenders from

different bars and restaurants present their own invented cocktail in the hope to win a trip to Puerto Rico. The cocktail will be judged on



preparation, presentation and taste. JC from Salt & Pepper will be there with his Mango Razz Noba. Of course the recipe stays secret but this week Salt & Pepper offers this contest cocktail for only \$ 6,- Come and try JC's Mango Razz Noba and give JC tips for improvement to help him win this contest.

Salt & Pepper is located at Arawak Garden, Palm Beach. In front of Occidental Grand. Opens at 8 am for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Bar till 1 am.

Specials: every day Sunset Special: free sangria with your meal between 5-7 pm. □

## Frans: Local tourism in significant decline

PHILIPSBURG--The tourism industry has decreased significantly according to Tourism Commissioner Frans Richardson. He says the local economy suffered an approximately US \$12.4 million loss during the period January through June.

Giving a statistical overview, Richardson noted that overall visitor arrivals during the first quarter of this year had decreased by 14.6 per cent compared to last year. For the second quarter, the decline was not as pronounced, amounting to five per cent compared to the same period last year. In addition, the total passenger movement at Princess Juliana International Airport for the first six months of this year amounted to 278,594, while departures amounted to 392,440. Elaborating on this, Richardson noted that passenger movement from the Caribbean into Princess Juliana International Airport had decreased by 26 per cent January through June compared to 2008. The months surpassing the 2,000 mark in Caribbean visitors were January (coinciding with the New Year) and April (coinciding with the annual Carnival festivities). Most Caribbean visitors during the first six months of this year came from Antigua/Barbuda, the British West Indies, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, St. Kitts/Nevis and Trinidad/Tobago. Arrivals from France, Italy, the Netherlands, Russia and other European countries to St. Maarten showed an overall decline of six per cent over the last six months, with a clear decline in June. The majority of the arrivals came from France, Holland and Italy, with the number of arrivals from France considerably higher than arrivals from all other European destinations. Figures for arrivals from

North America over the last six months show an 11 per cent decrease. There was greater passenger movement in January and February, with an expected current decline. Arrivals from South America saw a nine per cent decrease from January to June, with the most arrivals from Brazil. Arrivals from the rest of the world, including the Antilles, decreased by 20 per cent over the last six months, while domestic arrivals up to June 2009 decreased by 10 per cent compared to the same period in 2008. Cruise ship arrivals amounted to 781,063 thus far this year. On average there has been an average 57 per cent room occupancy among hotels for the first six months of this year, compared to an average 63 per cent throughout the previous two years. □



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# Sheryl & Scott Stilger celebrate marriage at Cactus Jack's



PALM BEACH - A group of nearly 2 dozen people enjoyed dinner together this week at Cactus Jack's in celebration of Sheryl and Scott Stilgers commitment of love to one another with marriage. The group enjoyed the all-you-can-eat ribs night which is held every Wednesday. Tonight the special is all-you-can-eat Peel & Eat Shrimp night. No dress code, just a roll of Scotch towel and a tiny, fuzzy cactus providing a bit of flora on the wooden tables: that is Cactus Jack's, the more-than-a-little relaxed new restaurant on the hotel Hi-Rise strip. The secret of Cactus Jack's lies in the words plentiful, affordable and fun. This goes for food as well as for drinks: various beer brands vie for attention with the frozen cocktails and non-frozen cocktails. A smoothie costs just US \$ 5.--. Heineken even provides kegs with 20 glasses of draught; a great way to celebrate a birthday with a group of friends. The concept of the new restaurant, which is located in The Village across from the Radisson Resort, next to ChinoLatino Restaurant, may be described as family-oriented; guests can roll in after a long day of the beach dressed in bikini tops or shorts, or, if they want, in evening dress. Anything goes. Take-out is also one of Cactus Jack's possibilities, by the way. Cactus Jack's is open from 5 to 11 pm. □

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Mussels in the replay at Papillon Restaurant

# Big shipment of Zeeland mussels arrive to The Village



PALM BEACH - Twenty kilos of mussels, flown in from supplier Neeltje Jans in Zeeland, Holland, went like hot cakes at Papillon Restaurant last weekend. Mussels lovers will get another chance at Papillon when another batch is flown in by local supplier Bersah, so that the traditional black pots, filled with steaming, chewy mussels, can be served once

more during the upcoming weekend.

Bersah's Eduard Horlings is not surprised by the rush on the mussels, which are considered a seasonal delicacy in Holland and in Belgium.

"They are exceptionally good: tasty and with a lot of meat," he says. "These mussels are bottom culture mussels; they need longer feeding before they can be picked and that is

why they are tastier than the hanging mussels, which get their nutrients from higher up in the water."

Hanging mussels grow in large socks in the Oosterschelde, one of the waterways in the south of the Netherlands.

The mussels at Papillon are

served in two ways: the classic way, steeped in white wine with a garnish of vegetables and served with French bread, a salad and French fries or new potatoes or the local way, with Balashi Beer, funchi and French bread and potatoes. Both are worth trying!

Papillon Restaurant is located across from the Radisson Resort on the hi-rise strip.

Photos show chef Bas Kuurstra and Bersah's Eduard Horlings with Papillon Restaurant manager Tina van Mal with a traditional mussel-pot. □



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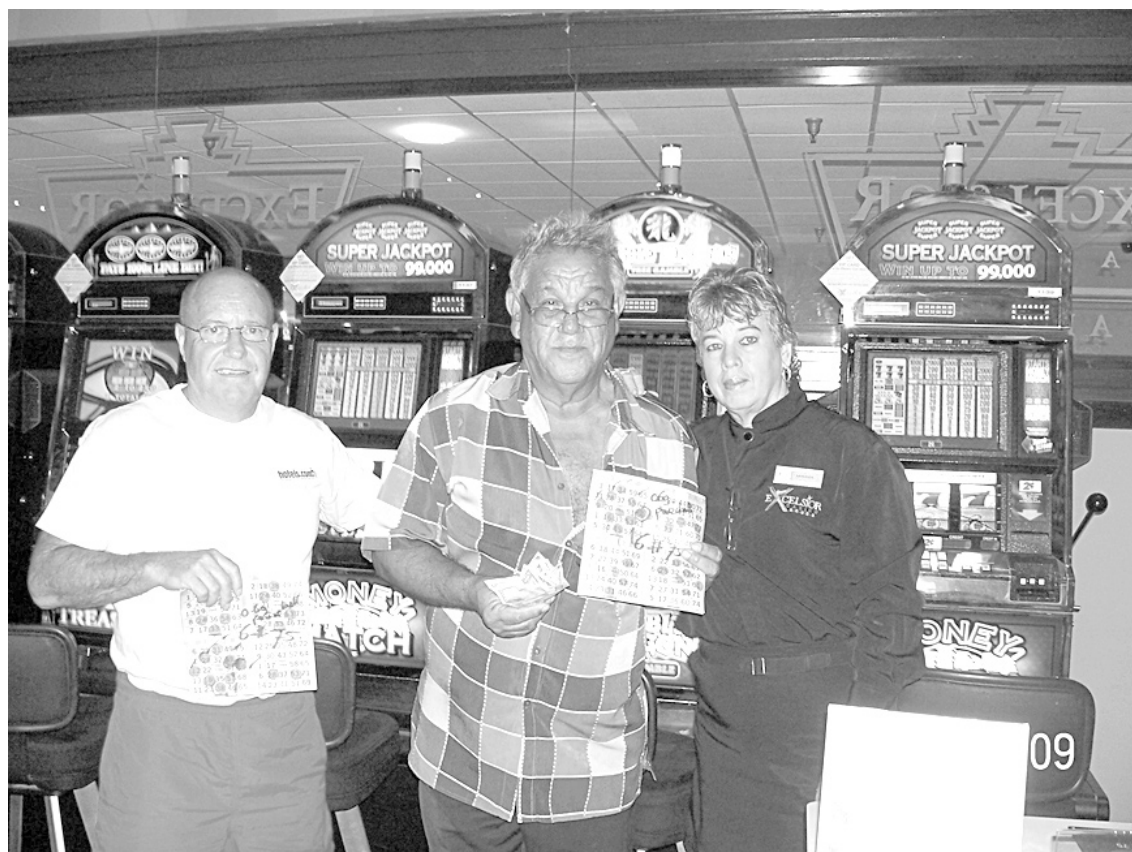
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## Romance in Aruba and at Aqua Grill



PALM BEACH – Long Island, New York couple Lori Pyzocha and Owen Kenny wanted to vacation somewhere "romantic." Owen has been to Aruba several times before and decided it would be the perfect place to bring Lori for vacation.

In addition to windsurfing, the couple absolutely loves seafood and Aqua Grill was their top pick for the best and freshest on the island. The couple said they have enjoyed many wonderful experiences dining out on the island, but rank Aqua Grill as their favorite for fresh seafood.

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# The Aruba Marriott Resort launches new website dedicated to destination weddings



**PALM BEACH** – The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino has launched a new website, [www.weddings.arubamarriott.com](http://www.weddings.arubamarriott.com), dedicated exclusively to helping brides and grooms plan their dream Aruban wedding. From simple elegance to grand ceremonies, this new website provides the tools necessary to begin an

unforgettable journey in to wedded bliss. Aruba Marriott Resort's wedding specialists designed [www.weddings.arubamarriott.com](http://www.weddings.arubamarriott.com) with the modern day bride in mind. The website is a time-saving, one stop shop where planners and do-it-yourself brides can find information about: the various wedding locales on property (beachfront, gardens, ballrooms and more); packages (traditional Aruban

Kunuku House ceremony package to a la carte services); group rates and reservations; key staff profiles; an image gallery; Aruban marriage requirements; and more.

"We know how time consuming wedding planning can be for newly engaged couples, and this site helps streamline the process. It provides an inside look at the resort and all its wedding offerings, in one, easy to navigate place," said Senior Sales Manager Chela de Lannoy. "With the increase in popularity and appeal of destination weddings as an alternative to traditional ceremonies, the website is a tool couples can use to help create the wedding of their dreams."

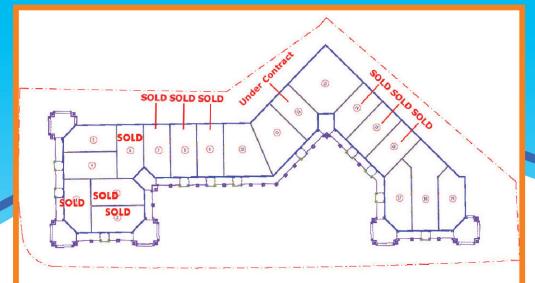


Whether looking to have an intimate beachfront ceremony, or ballroom extravaganza, the Aruba Marriott Resort offers a variety of wedding packages in amazingly romantic settings. Or, customize the wedding to specific ideas with the endless choices provided by the a la carte services menu. Aruba Marriott's certified wedding specialists are knowledgeable in identifying the island's best cake makers, florists, photographers, videographers and more. □



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*With some change in the architecture to make it unique in Aruba*

# Renaissance Marketplace shows its new face



ORANJESTAD – In these last few days we could notice some change in the architecture of the Renaissance marketplace. Especially the stores and the restaurants in front of the casino got a complete facelift: new modern roof and a spectacular landscaping that changes the whole panorama of the building.

With this new structure, the clients can sit closer to the road and the restaurants have the possibility to use the sidewalk for their clients who love to sit in the open air and enjoy the cool breeze.

With the option for the cliente to sit inside our outside, it gives the place a

more tropical and Caribbean aspect, but still with a modern touch.

For those who like to take a walk in the evening, there are special illuminated glass flowerpots that surely gives a big change to the mall.

In the evening hours you can notice more spectators passing by to admire the new face, because this modern architecture of the mall is never to be seen in Aruba.

Renaissance Marketplace is known as the only mall with a unique sea view in front of the Seaport casino. The view in front of the restaurant is in one word “priceless”.

By next week there will be new stores opening in

the mall. There will be a variety of stores where you can do your shopping, entertainment, food and drinks under one roof. □





# Café de Pijp opens its doors at South Beach Center – Palm Beach!

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PALM BEACH - Last week, Café de Pijp officially inaugurated its authentic "OUD HOLLANDS CAFÉ" conveniently located at the South Beach Center in Palm Beach opposite Segafredo. Café de Pijp has been operating since June 19th and has now made the opening official with various members of the press and guests. All guests received a warm welcome from the management in a nice and cozy ambiance with entertainment of the band The Equator.

Café de Pijp has been designed and founded by Mr. Alex de Haan. He has a

lot of experience with this kind of specific Oud Hollands Café in the Netherlands. The interior of Café de Pijp, which is almost 60 m2, has been constructed with dark wood materials which give the ambiance a very cozy and warm feeling.

They play all kinds of music, from Dutch, to English to Latin American. Every day you can enjoy the peanut consumption with your favorite drink. This peanut concept "Pelpinda's" is a typical Dutch custom, where the guests of the Dutch bar peel their peanuts and throw the shells on the floor and enjoy doing it! When entering the Dutch bar and encountering all the peanut shells on the floor, don't be surprised, as this is one of the most common custom for a typical Old Dutch Bar in the Netherlands.

Café de Pijp will have several activities programmed for its guests in the near future. These activities include Dart competitions among other cafes and guests, Karaoke nights, Jazz nights and Salsa nights. **Café de Pijp serves delicious snacks for its guests and invites their customers to enjoy these snacks free of charge on Friday afternoons.** Café de Pijp will also have their "Pijpiesavond" where one can buy beer at a very inexpensive price. Café de Pijp will also offer



a special drink of the week for the non beer drinkers. **Heineken draught beer will have a price of only AWG 5,- every day.**

For one month Café de Pijp will have a special Grand Opening offer in newspapers. Bring the newspaper ad and get a FREE Heineken draught beer with this ad per person. Do not miss this special offer, just bring it to Café de Pijp and enjoy your FREE beer in a typical "OUD HOLLANDS CAFÉ" Café

de Pijp offers its customers very attractive consumption prices compared to other bars in the vicinity, a great ambiance and LIVE entertainment by Alex as well!

**We invite you to visit us at the South Beach Center and experience the fun yourself! For more information please call us at 745-4706.**



## THE COOLEST PLACE TO BE IS BUGALOE! Fun and happiness at popular beach bar

PALM BEACH - There is only one Bugaloe on Aruba: it is the hottest place to be cool and the coolest place to be hot.

Friends and fun are the main ingredients at the beach bar, but great food, drinks and music get a good second place. The sunsets, the breeze and the turquoise ocean are right at the top as well, of course.

People from all over the world get together at Bugaloe: they have a few drinks, a bite to eat, they dance and sway and make new friends. If you have gotten curious here and now, check out the website [www.bugaloe.com](http://www.bugaloe.com) and you will see at one glance what we are talking about. No words will be needed anymore. Surf to the website for the Bugaloe Event Calendar or leave a note in the Guestbook.



The night is young, the world is going crazy and you are right in the middle of a super happening. What's not to like?

Bugaloe Beach Bar puts on live bands on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Joyride, PM Band, DJ Jeroen and Marisela & Aquarius are playing the stars from the sky. These musical talents draw the crowds, so be there or be square!

For more information go to [www.bugaloe.com](http://www.bugaloe.com).

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Wednesday 6-10pm: PM Band

Friday 6-10pm: PM Band

Friday 10pm - 12am - DJ Jeroen

Sunday 6-9pm: MARISELA & Aquarius



**Bugaloe is located at De Palm Pier in Palm Beach between RIU Palace and Radisson Resort.**

Bugaloe's daily Happy Hours are considered the starting signal for an evening of partying on the island. Locals mingle with visitors and raise their glasses. When you get hungry, order a scrumptious burger, a gourmet pizza, tasty wings or a salad and party on.

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# Friday afternoon with DJ Jeroen at Bugaloe



PALM BEACH - Rhythm-driven DJ Jeroen is getting the vibes going, the adrenaline surging and the blood pumping on Fridays, when the popular local disc jockey is playing his music in beach bar Bugaloe. From 5 to 10 pm you can see this energetic man in action



and listen to his easy lounge music early in the evening. Soothe your souls at sunset, is his motto. Jeroen's music changes as darkness falls and dancing gets underway. Bugaloe, which is a great hang-out for locals as well as for visitors, has an extended menu, by the way. Choose a 'broodje frikandel' or 'broodje kroket', snacks that the Dutch

crave, or a healthy grouper special or the fish platter. So don't forget to come by at Bugaloe on Fridays to hear DJ Jeroen play, and start the weekend on a high note. Happy Hour at the beach bar, located on the De Palm Pier between the Riu Palace and the Radisson Resort, is from 5 to 6 pm, with special prices for Amstel Bright and mojitos

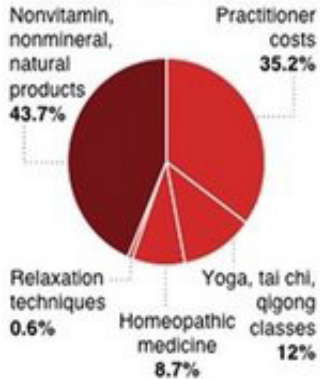




## Alternative care

In 2007, adults in the U.S. spent about \$34 billion out-of-pocket on visits to complementary and alternative medicine practitioners, products and classes.

### Alternative medicine costs



NOTE: Figures do not add to 100 due to rounding

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AP

## Graphic shows out-of-pocket money spent on alternative medicine

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE and MIKE STOBBE, AP Medical Writers

ATLANTA – Americans spend more than a 10th of their out-of-pocket health care dollars on alternative medicine, according to the first national estimate of such spending in more than a decade.

Chiropractors, massage therapists, acupuncturists and herbal remedies are commanding significant consumer dollars as people seek high-touch care in a high-tech society, the report released Thursday by the government shows.

Altogether, consumers spent an estimated \$34 billion on those and other alternative remedies in 2007, the report found.

“We are talking about a very wide range of health practices that range from promising and sensible to potentially harmful,” said Dr. Josephine Briggs, director of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, the federal agency that leads research in this field.

More research into which therapies work is critically needed, because the spending on them is “substantial,” she said.

The data, gathered in 2007 mostly before the recession was evident, don’t clearly reflect whether the economy played a role in spending on these therapies. But Briggs noted there has been “speculation that as the number of uninsured grows, there may be increased utilization of some of these

# Americans spend \$34B for alternative medicine

approaches, which tend to be relatively inexpensive.”

Nearly half of those who use alternative medicine say they cannot afford conventional care, according to government data published in a separate report.

Some consumer advocates say people are wasting money on some products that rigorous studies have shown don’t work. Dr. Sidney Wolfe, who leads Public Citizen’s health research, has long criticized the government for what he considers lax regulation of prescription drugs and mainstream medicine. Yet, he also sees problems with the widespread use of dietary supplements.

“People think they are cleared” by the Food and Drug Administration, he said, when in fact they do not need proof of safety or effectiveness to go on the market.

“Mainly, they’re ineffective,” he said.

The report is based on a 2007 survey by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of more than 23,000 adults nationwide. An earlier report from this survey, released in December, found that more than one-third of adults use alternative medicine.

That includes a wide range of services from meditation and yoga to herbal supplements, such as echinacea and ginseng. Vitamins and minerals are not included in this report but will be addressed in a future one.

Pain was the main reason people tried massage, chiropractic care and other alternative therapies. Among supplement users, most popular were glucosamine for joint pain and fish oil to cut the risk of heart disease.

The new survey results focus on how often Americans use these things, and how much they pay for them. The numbers show that alternative medicine accounts for more than 11 percent of out-of-pocket spending on health care in the United States.

The study found that about 44 cents out of every dollar spent on alternative medicine was for products like fish oil, glucosamine and echinacea. Spending on these products was nearly \$15 billion, or about a third of what Americans spend out-of-pocket for prescription drugs.

“I personally am pretty

conservative about supplement use,” Briggs said. She believes that research her center has sponsored has affected consumer use. After widely publicized studies showed the ineffectiveness of echinacea for colds and St. John’s wort for major depression, their use fell; fish oil use has risen following some research suggesting it might help lower risk of heart problems.

The survey shows about 35 cents of each alternative therapy dollar was for visits to acupuncturists, chiropractors, massage therapists and other practitioners. That totals nearly \$12 billion, or about one-quarter of what Americans spend on visits to mainstream physicians.

“Some of the useful things chiropractors are doing amounts to physical therapy,” Wolfe

said. “Medicine is beginning to realize how important physical therapy is.”

The last government estimate for out-of-pocket spending on alternative medicine came from a 1997 survey. That research suggested \$27 billion was being spent.

The new report concludes that 38 million adults visited alternative medicine practitioners in 2007. They paid less than \$50 per visit on average, but many paid \$75 or more for services such as acupuncture, homeopathy and hypnosis therapy.

The average annual spending per person to see practitioners was about \$122, and the average spending on products was \$177.

A whopping \$3 billion was spent on homeopathy, a form of treatment that uses highly diluted drugs made from natural

ingredients and based on a theory unverified by mainstream science.

Private insurance paid for about 43 percent of all alternative medicine in 2007, public insurance paid for 31 percent and patients paid for the rest, according to a separate government report.

Dianne Shaw, a media relations worker at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, sees value in at least one form of alternative medicine — acupuncture. She says acupuncture helped her recover from a stroke-like facial nerve paralysis that standard drugs didn’t remedy. During an exam, one of her doctors commented on her progress, and she revealed that she was getting acupuncture.

“They said, ‘Well I’m glad it worked,’” Shaw said. □

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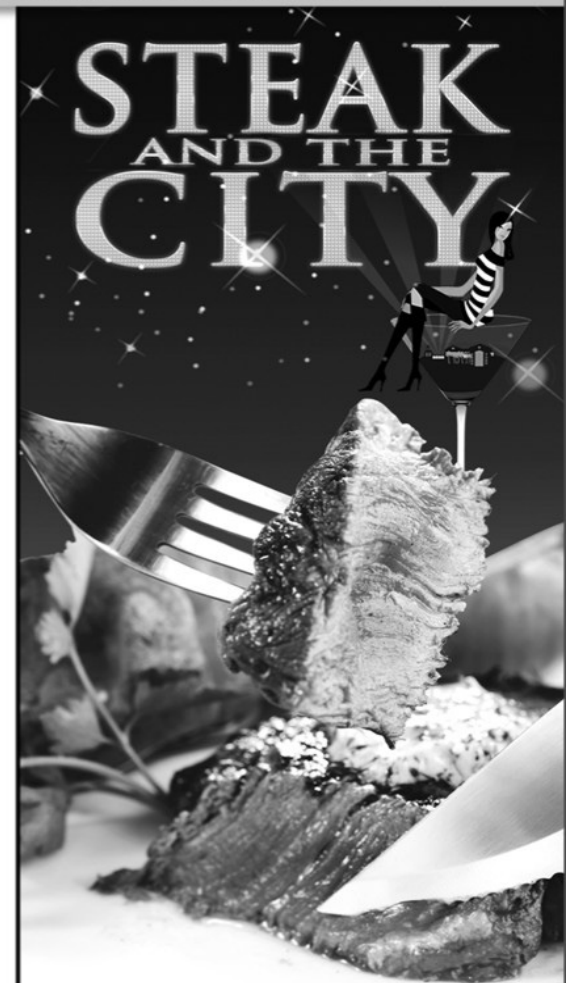
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## Exxon, Shell extend rough streak for oil sector



**FILE -** In this May 1, 2008, file photo, a customer pumps gas at an Exxon station in Middleton, Mass. Exxon Mobil said Thursday, July 30, 2009, its second-quarter profit fell a surprising 66 percent from a year ago as the world's biggest publicly traded oil company, like the rest of the industry, saw crude and gas prices fall sharply and refining margins tighten.

By **JOHN PORRETTO**,  
AP Energy Writer

Oil giants Exxon Mobil and Royal Dutch Shell on Thursday added to the industry's worst midyear showing in years, stung by slumping global energy demand that threatens to further slow exploration and production.

For Exxon, the world's biggest publicly traded oil company, a 66 percent profit plunge for the second quarter marked its lowest result in nearly six years. The Irving, Texas-based company vowed to maintain its aggressive spending plans but acknowledged the tough economic environment has made that difficult.

Its quarterly production fell too — bad news considering it generates more than two-thirds of its earnings from oil and gas output.

"The results were very disappointing," said Brian Youngberg, an energy analyst at Edward Jones. He noted Exxon has an extensive list of projects in various stages, "but now they need to start delivering."

Production fell 6 percent for Shell, Europe's biggest oil company, and executives said more drastic steps will be taken to adjust to the downturn. CEO Peter Voser promised Thursday to cut jobs

(AP Photo/Lisa Poole, file) and reduce capital spending next year. He said Shell would still increase production by 2 percent to 3 percent a year through 2012, reversing 7 years of declines.

"We simply don't know when the global economy will recover, and we have to plan on the basis that this downturn could last quite some time," Voser said.

When demand does rebound, however, the reduction in spending on exploration and drilling could lead to supply shortages and prices spikes like those of 2008.

Exxon Mobil said earnings for the April-June period came to \$3.95 billion, or 81 cents a share, down from \$11.68 billion, or \$2.22 a share, a year ago, a record at the time. Excluding one-time items, net income in the most-recent quarter amounted to \$4.09 billion, or 84 cents a share.

The latest result missed the average Wall Street profit forecast by a wide margin. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters were looking for net income of \$1.02 cents a share. Those estimates typically exclude one-time items.

Revenue fell 46 percent to \$74.5 billion.

The substantial profit falloff was no surprise given the steep drop in oil and natural gas prices

from a year ago. Already this week, ConocoPhillips said its second-quarter profit tumbled 76 percent, while BP PLC's net income fell 53 percent. Chevron Corp., the No. 2 U.S. oil company behind Exxon, is scheduled to report earnings Friday.

Exxon posted the company's most meager quarterly showing since it earned \$3.65 billion in the third quarter of 2003. The company, which replaced Wal-Mart atop the 2009 Fortune 500 list of largest U.S. companies, has made a habit of setting quarterly and annual profit marks in the past few years.

Its shares fell 71 cents to \$70.72 Thursday. They've traded in a range of \$56.51 to \$84.76 in the past year.

ExxonMobil has said it expects to spend \$29 billion on capital and exploration projects this year. In its earnings release Thursday, it said the tab for the first half of 2009 amounted to \$12.3 billion, "in line with our longer term plan."

"As we look out over the rest of the year, there's probably a little more downside pressure than upside pressure" on the \$29 billion target, David Rosenthal, Exxon's vice president for investor relations, said on a conference call with analysts.

On a dour note, Exxon said production on an oil-equivalent basis fell 3 percent in the most-recent quarter from a year ago.

Shell said its profit slid 67 percent to \$3.82 billion, but results exceeded analysts estimates.

Voser, CEO only since July 1, said a major move to streamline Shell's operations was on schedule. He said Thursday that 150 "top managers" had been released and repeated earlier statements that there would be further "substantial" job losses among lower ranks, but didn't specify how many.

In addition, Shell said it would

cut its capital expenditures in 2010 to \$28 billion, from an expected \$31 billion in the current year. Its shares gained 7 cents to \$52.53.

This time last year crude was in the triple digits after a historic

ride to almost \$150 a barrel. Prices eventually dipped into the \$30s in January but have doubled in recent months amid some signs of recovery from the worst recession in a generation. □

## Oregon governor signs consumer protection bills

By **BRAD CAIN**,  
Associated Press Writer

SALEM, Ore. — Gov. Ted Kulongoski signed two new consumer protection bills Thursday, including one aimed at reducing the number of home foreclosures in Oregon.

The legislation, passed in the closing hours of the 2009 Legislature, requires lenders to notify homeowners facing foreclosure of their right to hold a meeting with the lender. It also forces lenders to make a "good faith effort" to determine whether the borrower is eligible for a loan modification.

Consumer activists who pushed for the legislation say borrowers who seek help from lenders don't always get an adequate response.

"When the borrower and lender come together, they often can find a way to avoid foreclosure — a win for everyone," Kulongoski said Thursday.

Oregon's foreclosure problems aren't as severe as those in California, Nevada or Florida. But Oregon's foreclosure rates are rising, in part because of the state's high unemployment level.

The other bill signed by the governor will let Oregon participate in a national licensing system for home loan originators to ensure they have met education requirements, passed background checks and followed the law in other states.

The new law also clears the way for the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services to enforce new federal laws that restrict loan servicing abuses and misleading advertising.

Kulongoski recently signed a companion bill to place tougher restrictions on high-risk mortgages and require lenders to provide translated disclosures when loans are negotiated in languages other than English.

The law prevents loan issuers from granting negative amortization loans before making sure borrowers can pay back the loans. A negative amortization loan is structured so that payments start out smaller than the interest due. The difference is added to the loan balance.

"New stronger standards for lenders — both at the state and federal level — will help ensure mortgage borrowers are treated fairly and have the information they need to choose the right type of loan for their situation," Kulongoski said. □



# Earnings reports extend market's big July rally

By TIM PARADIS,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The stock market is a day away from locking in its best July in 20 years.

Stocks added to an already impressive run Thursday as another round of earnings reports gave investors new reasons to be optimistic about the economy. The Dow Jones industrial average rose its highest level in nearly nine months with a gain of 84 points and the Nasdaq composite index traded above 2,000 for the first time since October.

The latest reports struck a theme that has played out for weeks: Times are tough but companies aren't doing as badly as feared. Many have chopped costs to produce profits well beyond the market's modest expectations. Motorola Inc. said it used deep cost cuts to wring a profit from its latest quarter. Analysts had expected a loss. Goodyear Tire & Rubber's shortfall was half what had been expected and Dow Chemical Co.'s CEO said he believes the U.S. economy "has found bottom." A surprise drop in the number of people continuing to seek unemployment benefits gave investors even more reason to put money into stocks.

With one day to go, the Dow is up 8.4 percent this month, its strongest July since 1989, when it gained 9 percent. It would be the best performance of any month since October 2002.

A much-anticipated report on the overall output of the economy is sure to drive the market Friday. Economists expect that the nation's gross domestic product shrank at an annual rate of 1.5 percent in the April-June quarter. That would be a big improvement from the 5.9 percent average annualized drop recorded in the prior six months, the weakest numbers in 50 years. Stocks are up 13 percent since July 13 when investors bet correctly that Goldman Sachs Group Inc. would

report enormous earnings. Since then, other profit reports have brought hope that the longest recession since World War II might end this year. AT&T Inc., chip maker Intel Corp. and heavy equipment maker Caterpillar Inc. all posted results that outran expectations.

Three out of four companies in the S&P 500 index that reported second-quarter results so far have topped analysts' expectations, according to Thomson Reuters. About 300 of the 500 companies have reported.

Analysts said the end of the month is pressuring money managers and traders to show they have kept up with July's rally. Often, the summer months are quieter than the rest of the year on Wall Street as traders take vacations.

Some of the buying is likely tied to short-covering, where investors have to buy stock after having earlier sold borrowed shares in a bet they would fall.

"People kind of got caught a little flat-footed here. The summer is supposed to be slow," said Jon Merriman, chief executive of Merriman Curhan Ford in San Francisco.

The Dow rose 83.74, or 0.9 percent, to 9,154.46 after being up as much as 176 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 11.60, or 1.2 percent, to 986.75. It rose to nearly 997 during the day. It hasn't traded above 1,000 since November. It was the highest close for the Dow and the S&P 500 index since Nov. 4.

The Nasdaq advanced 16.54, or 0.9 percent, to 1,984.30. It rose to nearly 2,010 in morning trading, its first move above 2,000 since Oct. 3. The index is up 56 percent from its low of 1,269 in March. It was its highest finish since Oct. 1. About four stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to 6.1 billion shares compared with 5.4 billion Wednesday.

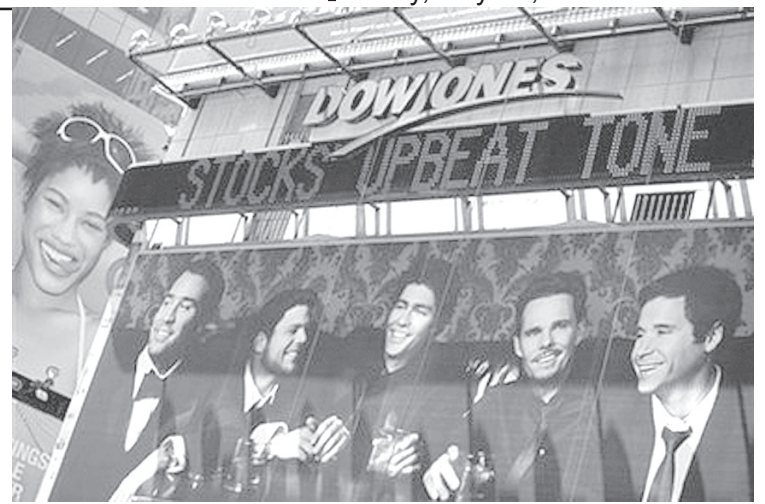
Stocks made little progress in

the four days prior to Thursday though some break in the buying had been expected after the steep gains.

General Electric Co. led the Dow higher after a Goldman Sachs analyst raised his rating on the industrial conglomerate. The stock rose 85 cents, or 6.9 percent, to \$13.11.

"There are some specific stock stories that are getting people involved and making people confident," said Nick Kalivas, vice president of financial research at MF Global in Chicago.

Investors also welcomed a government report that the number of Americans continuing to collect unemployment benefits fell unexpectedly last week to 6.2 million. Economists polled by Thomson Reuters had expected that figure to rise to 6.3 million from 6.23 million



Wall Street news is displayed on the Dow Jones ticker Thursday, July 30, 2009, in New York's Times Square. Stocks surged Thursday as stronger-than-expected profit reports and a surprise drop in the number of people continuing to seek unemployment benefits handed investors the latest evidence that the economy could be strengthening.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

in the prior week.

Bond prices were mixed after a successful auction of \$28 billion of seven-year notes. Weak demand at auctions earlier in the week raised concerns that the government might have to offer higher returns on bonds to lure in investors, which would have the negative effect of raising borrowing costs on loans such as mortgages.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.61 percent from 3.67 percent late Wednesday.

Crude oil rose \$3.59 to settle at \$66.94 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after tumbling 6 percent Wednesday on fears economic growth in China would slow and curb demand for resources. The dollar was mixed, while gold prices rose. □

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# Reflections on race

*Editor's note: The so-called beer summit at the White House consists of three men, Cambridge police officer James Crowley, Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., and President Obama. But across the nation, Americans are talking about race in ways they haven't in years. We asked three writers — Sara Libby, Daisy Hernández, and Lawrence Harrison — to share experiences in their lives that shaped their views on race. We asked a fourth writer, Michele Bratcher Goodwin, to reflect on their remarks.*

## Small-town girl enchanted by hip-hop

I didn't have any definitive run-ins or conversations growing up that affected my understanding of race — that probably would have required at least one person of color in my tiny, rural hometown. Instead, my formulations about race were slowly shaped and crystallized through the beats and breaks of hip-hop music, which enthralled me before I even entered middle school.

In the tales of young black men trying to “make it out tha hood” I saw myself, too, trapped in a place that I felt held few opportunities for greatness. Rap stars' abilities to meld wit, braggadocio, and civics lessons made them seem more genuine and relatable than pop or rock musicians who happened to look more like me. In turn, I developed a sort of reverse racism in that I admired — almost idolized — an entire class of people with whom I'd had virtually no real interaction. I yearned to know African-Americans, yet was also uninterested in the Hispanic culture around me: the Mexican immigrant farmworkers now an intrinsic part of our rural West Coast community. Even so, once I did get to know an African-American in a deeper, more substantial way — my brother's Harlem-born best friend from college, who visited us in Oregon — I realized I wasn't the only one. Many people in town bent over backward to be friendly to Chad, seemingly to prove how unracist they were to the point where he joked that he felt like responding, “On behalf of my people, I bid you greetings.”

My love affair with hip-hop and black culture helped me come full circle in college, where I flocked to classes on black literature and historical perspectives on race, and where the only white face in the room often belonged to me.

It's all evidence of why I have little tolerance for people who shrug off racism as cases of people who simply don't know any better because of their lack of

exposure to other cultures. Even the smallest of small towns aren't too tiny for simple concepts such as consideration, care, and acceptance.

Sara Libby is legal editor at the Los Angeles Daily Journal.

## The courage to ask tough questions

Last year, I was invited to talk at a college in western Pennsylvania about immigration. During the Q&A, a young white college student asked why immigrants don't learn English. “It's about respect,” she said. “If I were visiting another country, I would learn their language.”

I pointed out that immigrants aren't visiting. She would be a tourist elsewhere, whereas most immigrants are forced here as economic refugees. She countered that she knew a couple who was learning English. If they can do it, her reasoning went, so could others. Not everyone has the same ability or access, I said. But she didn't seem moved.

To my surprise, though, the student sought me out afterward. She came from a conservative family, she explained, the kind of people who have never left their small hometown. But here she was in college, babysitting for an immigrant family and even thinking of traveling abroad. In particular, she wanted me to know that her father was very conservative and these ideas I had presented were new for her.

I realized then that she wasn't just asking questions about immigration. She was questioning all she had grown up hearing about race. She was even beginning to doubt the most powerful figure in her life: her father. And I felt hopeful. It didn't mark the end of racial profiling, or racial disparities in healthcare, but it felt powerful to me that this young white woman was asking the hard questions. It reminded me that I, too, had left my conservative Latino father's house to see the world for myself and pose a number of my own questions. I get so caught up in the fantasy that social change happens in one single swoop (the election of a black president, my winning a debate), but real understanding is more likely to come from being honest about where we are, entertaining new questions, and, of course, listening.

Daisy Hernández is editor of ColorLines, a newsmagazine on race and politics.

## Culture matters

One of the gifts my parents, the American-born offspring of Eastern European Jews, gave me as I was growing up in Brookline, Mass., was an unwavering belief

in racial equality. They backed up their words with action, inviting a black mechanic at a nearby gas station to dinner, and making it clear that any black acquaintances would be welcome.

My brother got to know a prominent black high school athlete who dined at our house, and when I started playing tournament tennis, two black tennis players were welcomed by my parents.

My commitment to equality was strengthened by several instances of anti-Semitism experienced by my family and me. We were told that we were not welcome at some resort hotels. When I was 15, I was ranked 18th in the nation for boy tennis players 15 and under. But, being Jewish, I was unable to join the Longwood Cricket Club, which had indoor courts — very uncommon in the 1940s — so my tennis season ended in October, not to resume until April.

My experience directing USAID missions in Latin America opened my eyes to the key role that cultural values, beliefs, and attitudes play in explaining why some countries and ethnic groups do better than others in the pursuit of human progress. My belief in racial equality was strengthened when I became aware that the people of backward Haiti and progressive Barbados both had their roots in the Dahomey region of West Africa. Culture matters. The history of Haiti, independent in 1804 in the wake of a slave uprising against the French colonists, is one of corrupt, incompetent leadership; illiteracy; and poverty. Barbados, which gained its independence from the British in 1966, is today a prosperous democracy of “Afro-Saxons.” While in Latin America, I encountered “dependency theory,” which explains Latin America's backwardness as a consequence of US imperialism. The late MIT political scientist Lucian Pye describes the theory as “demeaning and despairing.” There are some obvious parallels between “dependency theory” and the “victim” psychology that appear to dominate the thinking of many successful African-Americans, including Henry Louis Gates and Spike Lee.

Lawrence Harrison directs the Cultural Change Institute at the Fletcher School, Tufts University, in Medford, Mass. He is the author of “The Central Liberal Truth: How Politics Can Change A Culture And Save It From Itself.”

## Reflections

These three reflections capture snapshots of America and reveal how mistaken we are to claim

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that there is “one” American experience.

While not the thrust of their testimonies, a shared theme from their “witnessing” is clear; an education is transformative. At a time when racial dialogue has again been reduced to a police arrest, remembering the larger goals of equality, particularly a vibrant, rigorous education that challenges comfort zones and ignorance, is important.

Sara Libby, Daisy Hernández, and Lawrence Harrison dispel the notion of a colorblind society, while also implicitly revealing that we craft the racial realities we desire. Sometimes that means playing the role of victim, but at other times ignoring the ways that class and gender confer significant privileges, such as access to tennis courts and determining the quality of a child's education.

As a little girl, I sought the comfort of a Jewish couple in our neighborhood. They were older, like my grandparents, whom I missed very deeply. They were the only Jews, and we were one of only two black families in the neighborhood. I preferred their company to playing outside.

Like the commentators today, they provided testimonials, and I eagerly listened. Our shared journey in a predominantly German-American neighborhood in Milwaukee was reflected over latkes, matzos, and apple sauce.

Our culture, and even our legal system, emphasize the importance of testimony or witnessing in ceremonies, church services, court proceedings, and even police reports. But too often, the testimonies we hear or seek in our personal lives affirm our worldview and come from people who look like us. There is something important in this exchange as it informs our own unique subcultures.

Yet, taken to extremes, we become insular as a society and certainly as individuals when

the only experiences earning our respect or seeming legitimate come from next door. The starkest contemporary example played out 15 years ago on the world stage with relentless ethnic appeals over the radio urging Rwandan Hutus to kill fellow Tutsis. After 100 days, as many as 1 million Tutsis were dead.

More challenging is to hear a different version of life and reflect on it with the respect and deference given to our peers and families. Doing so is easier than we think, except we cling to race, class, and gender roles like security blankets, unwilling to relinquish them for fear of seeming disloyal or sending the wrong message to the people we admire.

I remember a black college classmate, who refused the romantic entreaties of a Jewish guy only to be pulled into unhealthy romantic relationships with men from her neighborhood back in Washington, D.C. Later she revealed concern about seeming inauthentic around black students. Quite possibly, that may help explain why the late Senator Strom Thurmond, the symbol of segregationist policies, kept secret his African-American daughter, (the product of his youthful indiscretions with the family's maid).

It is this idolatry of race that keeps us from understanding those we have most in common with — fellow Americans. It is also what obstructs our understanding of nuanced and deeply entrenched class dynamics in America. And, as much as I believe that we still have yet to understand our shared race history in the United States, we have not begun to scratch the surface at class, which perhaps should serve as our next point of testifying.

Michele Bratcher Goodwin is a professor of law and a professor of medicine and public health at the University of Minnesota. □





In this video game image released by Electronic Arts, the character Eddie Riggs, voiced by actor Jack Black, left, is shown in a scene from the game, 'Brutal Legend.'

(AP Photo/Electronic Arts)

## Ruling delayed on 'Brutal Legend' release

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY,  
AP Entertainment Writer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A judge said Thursday said he is not inclined to delay the release of "Brutal Legend," a heavily marketed video game starring Jack Black, but delayed arguments and a formal ruling for one week. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Craig Karlan said during a brief hearing that his tentative ruling was to deny a motion by gaming giant Activision to delay the game's October release. He rescheduled arguments on the motion

until Aug. 6 because his court calendar was full and to allow attorneys to fully argue their positions.

Activision sued the game's developer, Double Fine Productions in June and asked a judge to stop the release by rival firm Electronic Arts. Activision claims it owns the game's rights and has invested nearly \$15 million in the project. Double Fine countersued earlier this month, claiming Activision breached its contract with the firm. □

## Warrants for Jackson's doc call singer 'addict'



FILE - In this July 7, 2006 file photo, Dr. Conrad Murray poses for a photo as he opens the Acres Homes Cardiovascular Center at the Tidwell Professional Building, in Houston.

(AP Photo/Houston Chronicle, File)

By THOMAS WATKINS,  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Search warrants served at the Las Vegas home and office of Michael Jackson's doctor

show investigators think the pop star was an addict.

The warrants, served Tuesday and filed in court Thursday, targeted Dr. Conrad Murray. They say investigators wanted to seize any evidence relating to the sale and shipment of the powerful anesthetic propofol (PROH'-puh-fahl).

The warrants say authorities were seeking evidence supporting a manslaughter charge and medical rule infractions including "prescribing to an addict."

A law enforcement official has said investigators are working under the theory propofol caused Jackson's heart to stop. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing. □



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# Jackson's mom to keep kids; Rowe gets visitation



**FILE-**This July 6, 2009 file photo shows Jackson family attorneys L. Londell McMillan, left, and Burt Levitch speaking to the media during a news conference outside the Superior court in Los Angeles. McMillan says in an interview with The Associated Press that word of an agreement between Katherine Jackson and Deborah Rowe, the biological mother of Prince Michael and Paris-Michael would come sometime Thursday July 30, 2009.

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY,  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Katherine Jackson will raise her son's children under an agreement with the King of Pop's ex-wife, who will have visitation rights under the supervision of a child psychologist, attorneys said Thursday.

The agreement calls for Michael Jackson's mother to remain guardian of the pop

icon's three children, who range in ages from 7 to 12, in accordance with wishes spelled out in the singer's 2002 will. No money is changing hands as a result of the agreement, the statement said.

Deborah Rowe, the biological mother of the two oldest children who has been largely absent from their lives, gets visitation rights with the youngsters. A child

psychologist, paid for jointly by Jackson and Rowe, will oversee the process, attorneys for Katherine Jackson and Rowe said in a statement.

The timing and frequency of the visits will be determined by both parties in consultation with the psychologist, the statement said.

Attorneys had worked for weeks to reach an amicable arrangement. The agreement announced Thursday ends the likelihood of a contentious and public custody fight over Jackson's children.

"Mrs. Jackson and the family are pleased this matter is resolved and was handled in a caring, thoughtful and courteous manner by the parties and their representatives," L. Londell McMillan and Diane Goodman, attorneys for Mrs. Jackson, wrote in a statement. "We were all united in our goals to do what is best for Michael's wonderful children, and both Mrs. Jackson and Debbie Rowe were on the exact same page."

Eric M. George, an attorney for Rowe, called the agreement a "dignified outcome." George credited Mrs. Jackson's attorneys for their work on the deal, and expressed pride with Rowe for "her integrity and selflessness."

Rowe never petitioned for custody of Jackson's children. The agreement is likely to be discussed during a hearing Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court. That hearing will now focus more on lingering issues with Jackson's multimillion dollar estate, which Mrs. Jackson has vied for control of.

Michael Jackson, who died June 25 at 50, was the sole parent to his three children. He was married to Rowe, but both had described the relationship as borne out of friendship and that Rowe had given birth to his two oldest children as a "gift." They divorced after Paris-Michael was born.

His third child, 7-year-old Prince Michael II, known as Blanket, was born to a surrogate and the mother's identity has never been revealed. In Jackson's will, he expressed his desire to have his mother take care of his children. If she was unavailable, Jackson called for friend and singer Diana Ross to step in.

After Jackson's death, Rowe expressed interest in raising not only her two children, but Blanket as well. In a phone interview with television station KNBC, she also said she would seek a restraining order against Joe Jackson,

Michael's father; Michael Jackson had a complicated relationship with him and often spoke of beatings at the hands of his father.

After Mrs. Jackson, 79, was named by a court as the children's temporary guardian, Rowe was granted a delay in a guardianship hearing while she decided whether to seek custody. Other hearings were delayed at the request of both parties, and McMillan had described the negotiations between both sides as cordial. Rowe has taken legal action and demanded retractions as other reports have claimed that she was seeking money from the Jacksons in exchange for dropping any attempt at custody of the children.

Michael Jackson gave Rowe a financial settlement after they divorced in 2000 and she relinquished her parental rights. But they were reinstated by a judge in 2005 after Rowe went to court over the children. The custody dispute was settled in 2006. Terms were not disclosed, though Jackson retained primary custody.

All three children have been living with Katherine Jackson since their father's death, where they have been surrounded by their aunts, uncles and cousins. □



Pop star Michael Jackson gestures during a news conference in Munich's Olympic stadium in this June 9, 1999 file photo.

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## Coroner again delays release of Jackson autopsy

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles coroner's office has indefinitely delayed releasing the results of Michael Jackson's autopsy.

Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said Thursday the release was postponed following a meeting with investigators from the Los Angeles Police Department and the district attorney's office. Winter says further investigation needs to be done. He did not go into detail. He previously said his office might release the results next week. Jackson died June 25. Investigators are looking to see what substances he had in his body and if a powerful anesthetic contributed to his death.

Authorities on Tuesday served search warrants at the Las Vegas home and office of Jackson's doctor. □

## Hollywood stars visit Cuba amid U.S.-Cuba thaw

HAVANA (Reuters) — Havana's famous seaside avenue, the Malecon, could be mistaken for Hollywood Boulevard this week as four high profile film stars come to the Cuban capital in the splashiest sign yet of warming U.S.-Cuba relations.

Benicio del Toro, Bill Murray, Robert Duvall and James Caan arrived in Cuba on Wednesday, with del Toro in town to pick up an award and the other three working on a "research project," a spokesman for the group said on Thursday.

The spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said the stars were accompanied by other people in the movie industry, including producers he would not name.

Because of the long-standing U.S. trade embargo against communist-led Cuba, Americans have been forbidden, with some exceptions, from visiting the island 90 miles from Key West, Florida.

Hollywood stars such as Robert Redford, Arnold Schwarzenegger and director Steven Spielberg have come to Cuba in the past but cultural exchanges slowed due to restrictions imposed by former U.S. President George W.

Bush.

The spokesman said the group is traveling under a license granted by the U.S. Treasury Department.

U.S. President Barack Obama offered earlier this year to "recast" relations with Cuba, which have been sour since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

Obama has lifted travel restrictions for Cuban Americans and restarted immigration talks with Cuba that were suspended under Bush.

Last week, the United States said a Bush-era news ticker on the U.S. Interests Section building in Havana, which the Cuban government viewed as an affront, had been turned off.

Del Toro won praise last year for his portrayal of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, an Argentine who fought alongside Castro in the Cuban revolution, in the two-part biopic "Che" directed by American Steven Soderbergh.

The movie was shown to great acclaim in Cuba last December and on Thursday del Toro was given an award by Cuban artists and intellectuals. □





President Barack Obama, right, and Vice President Joe Biden, left, has a beer with Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., second from left, and Cambridge, Mass., police Sgt. James Crowley at the White House in Washington Thursday, July 30, 2009.

*Associated Press*

## Obama hails chat with Gates, Crowley as 'thoughtful'

By BEN FELLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — With mugs of beer and calming words, President Barack Obama and the professor and policeman engulfed in a national uproar over race pledged Thursday to move on and try to pull the country with them. There was no acrimony — nor apology — from any of the three: black Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr., white Cambridge, Mass., police Sgt. James Crowley, who had arrested him for disorderly conduct, and Obama, who declared on national TV that the police had “acted stupidly.” But neither Gates nor Crowley backtracked either, agreeing they still had differences.

Said Obama after the highly anticipated, 40-minute chat on the Rose Garden patio: “I have always believed that what brings us together is stronger than what pulls us apart.”

“I am confident that has happened here tonight, and I am hopeful that all of us are able to draw this positive lesson from this episode,” said the nation’s first black president.

Under the canopy of a magnolia tree in the early evening, Obama joined the other players in a story that had knocked the White House off stride. Vice President Joe Biden joined them for drinks and snacks.

The policeman and the professor both expressed respect for each other after their dispute that unleashed a furor over racial profiling in

America.

It all began two weeks ago when Crowley was called to investigate a potential burglary at Gates’ house and ended up arresting the protesting professor for disorderly conduct. The matter mushroomed when Obama made his comment in a prime-time news conference. The president later expressed regret. In Cambridge, the charge was dropped.

“We agreed to move forward,” Crowley said Thursday night when asked if anything was solved in the meeting.

“I think what you had today was two gentlemen agreeing to disagree on a particular issue. I don’t think that we spent too much time dwelling on the past. We spent a lot of time discussing the future.”

For his part, Gates said he and Crowley had been caught up as characters in a larger narrative about race over which they had no control.

“It is incumbent upon Sgt. Crowley and me to utilize the great opportunity that fate has given us,” Gates said in a statement. He said their task must be to foster sympathy among Americans about “the daily perils of policing on the one hand, and for the genuine fears of racial profiling on the other hand.”

Although Obama had invited Crowley and Gates as part of what he called a “teachable moment,” it wasn’t quite reachable for the masses.

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## AP NewsBreak: Brother defends accused terror head

ADAM GOLDMAN

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The older brother of a North Carolina man accused of recruiting and training would-be terrorists said Thursday he didn’t believe sibling Daniel Boyd intended to wage “violent jihad” abroad.

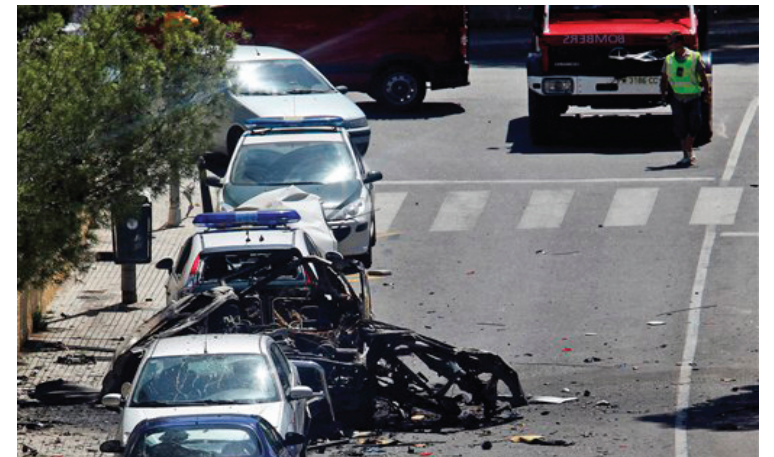
Robert Boyd said the federal charges sound “like another attempt to associate Islam with terrorism” and the accusations “they’re trying to pin on him is pure poppycock as far as I am concerned.”

Boyd, 49, spoke to The Associated Press from his home in Minnesota and called the situation his brother faces “ludicrous.” He described



his younger brother as an “upstanding young man.” Authorities say Daniel Boyd, 39, bought guns and led a group of men who were planning to kidnap, kill and maim people abroad.

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A Spanish police officer stands beside the wreckage of a car after an explosion in the Palmanova beach area, southwest of the island’s capital, Palma de Mallorca, Spain, on Thursday, July 30, 2009. The explosion may have been caused by a bomb attached to the underside of a police patrol vehicle, killing two officers a day after another car bombing blamed on Basque separatist group ETA destroyed a police barracks in the northern mainland city of Burgos.

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## Bomb kills two Spanish police officers on Mallorca

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PALMA DE MALLORCA, Balearic Islands (AP) — A powerful bomb on the Spanish resort island of Mallorca killed two police officers in their patrol vehicle Thursday, the second attack blamed on Basque separatist group ETA in two days.

Police found a second bomb under another police jeep later Thursday in the same area and carried out a controlled explosion. Authorities temporarily blocked all outgoing flights and ships from leaving Mallorca as part of a manhunt.

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# Health bill inches forward in House



A copy of H.R. 3200, America Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 sits on the desk of House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., after the markup on the health care bill was postponed on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

**ERICA WERNER,**  
Associated Press Writers  
WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats pushed ahead with a compromise US health overhaul Thursday over liberals' complaints, intent on achieving tangible — if modest — success on President Barack Obama's top

*Associated Press*  
domestic priority ahead of a monthlong summer recess. "We've got to pass the bill. Not only do we have to, but we're going to," said Rep. Henry Waxman, a Democrat and chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, the last of three House committees to act on the

sweeping legislation.

In the Senate, months of bipartisan negotiations were at a crossroads, Republicans balking at an agreement before lawmakers leave the capital for a month, Democrats considering whether to allow more time or possibly produce legislation crafted to their own specifications.

Sen. Charles Grassley, a Republican, said in a statement the talks have made very good progress and may result in a deal. "But that'll never happen if Democrat leaders tell Republicans to take a hike by forcing the committee to move on an all-Democrat bill," he said.

A meeting of the six negotiators was set for late Thursday.

Both chambers already jettisoned plans for floor votes before the summer break, and Democrats are now aiming just to get bills out of the final House and Senate committees that have yet to act.

Even that much has turned into a protracted struggle but

Democratic leaders said it had to happen. Returning to their home districts with Obama's top issue in disarray on Capitol Hill was not an option.

The United States is the only developed nation that does not have a comprehensive national health care plan for all its citizens, and Obama campaigned on a promise to offer affordable health care to all Americans. However, the recession and a deepening budget deficit have made it difficult to win support for costly new programs.

About 50 million of America's 300 million people are without health insurance. The government provides coverage for the poor, elderly, military veterans and many children, but most Americans rely on private insurance, usually received through their employers. However, not all employers provide insurance and not everyone can afford to buy it. With unemployment rising, many Americans are losing their health insurance

when they lose their jobs.

Waxman's committee resumed work Thursday, with the goal of finishing Friday, after a week-and-a-half delay caused by objections from fiscally conservative Democrats. That rebellion was quelled with an agreement Wednesday that would protect more small businesses from a requirement to provide insurance to their employees, and restructure a new public insurance plan so it could pay higher rates to doctors and other providers, among other changes.

But the concessions Waxman made to the so-called Blue Dog Democrats infuriated House liberals. They denounced the proposed new structure of the public plan, which was originally designed to be based on health care rates in the government program for the elderly. The new structure says rates would be negotiated with providers as occurs now with private companies, which could result in more expensive care. □

## OBAMA

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The coverage allowed the public to get the we've-come-together photos and video footage that the White House wanted, while keeping the discussion private among the men.

They were seen chatting with each other, each with a mug of beer — Biden's was nonalcoholic.

The media were stationed far away, out of earshot, and ushered away quickly.

Crowley, 42, and Gates, 58, said they were planning to meet again, and Obama hopes he can now pivot back to health care and other issues with this distracting story behind him.

There's been a political cost for Obama. The two-week episode has stolen attention from his agenda and has drawn negative public reviews on how he handled the matter.

In Massachusetts, meanwhile, a black sergeant who was with Crowley at Gates' home said Thursday he's been maligned as an "Uncle Tom" for supporting the actions of his white colleague, according to an e-mail that CNN said it received from the sergeant. The officer, Leon Lashley, said he "spoke the truth" about the arrest, and he said Gates should consider whether he "may have caused grave and potentially

irreparable harm to the struggle for racial harmony."

At the White House, Crowley and Gates wore dark suits, more formal than Obama and Biden who had ditched their coats in the early evening. The president nibbled on snacks and was seen laughing at one point.

Obama called it a "friendly, thoughtful conversation." He praised Crowley and Gates for having already spent a little time listening to each other.

That had happened, Crowley explained later, when he and Gates crossed paths as they toured the White House separately with relatives who accompanied them. They continued their tour as one large group. Before anyone showed up, Obama did what his aides had been doing for days: lowering expectations.

"I noticed this has been called the 'Beer Summit.' It's a clever term, but this is not a summit, guys," Obama told reporters. "This is three folks having a drink at the end of the day, and hopefully giving people an opportunity to listen to each other. And that's really all it is. This is not a university seminar."

The White House meeting drew such media interest that press secretary Robert Gibbs said he looked forward to facing no more questions about what beers each man would drink. For the record, it was Bud Light for Obama, Sam Adams Light for Gates,

Blue Moon for Crowley and nonalcoholic Buckler for Biden.

Before the photo-op moment of diplomacy, Obama said he was "fascinated by the fascination about this evening."

"Hopefully, instead of ginning up anger and hyperbole everybody can just spend a little bit of time with some self-reflection and recognizing that other people have different points of view."

Obama said last week the episode could be a "teachable moment" on improving relations between police and minority communities.

In practice, that boiled down to a good, productive conversation. The hope, in turn, was that people in communities across the nation would see the meeting as a model for how to solve differences — more listening, less shooting from the lip.

The White House said it did not pay for any transportation or other accommodation costs for Gates or Crowley.

At the time of the incident, Gates had demanded an apology from Crowley and called him a "rogue policeman." After Obama's "acted stupidly" comment, Crowley said that, while he supported the president, Obama was "way off base wading into a local issue without knowing all the facts." □



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# NY taxpayers to pay donors for stem cell studies

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Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Hanqi Miao said she wanted to donate her eggs to help infertile couples reproduce, but she acknowledged the money is good, too: She said she'll be paid about \$5,000.

"Who doesn't want money in your hand?" said the 21-year-old woman, who will have to undergo hormone treatments that could abnormally swell her ovaries to the size of small grapefruits and cause discomfort.

Soon, New York women will be able to donate their eggs not only to help others get pregnant, but also for stem cell research. And they'll still be able to get reimbursement of up to \$10,000 — paid for by taxpayers.

The board that oversees funding of the state's stem cell research recently voted to make New York the only state that allows taxpayer dollars to be used to pay for women to donate their eggs strictly for stem cell research.

State health officials say it is necessary to compensate women for the burden, discomfort and expense related to the donation process so that suitable eggs can be found for stem cell research.

But some critics say the policy could encourage cash-strapped women to take risks with their health. They question the use of what they call "embryonic human life" for research.

Researchers believe stem cell research could lead to treatments for debilitating illnesses, such as diabetes and Parkinson's disease. Yet the science is still emergent, and experimental techniques such as somatic cell nuclear transfer — also known as therapeutic cloning — have stirred controversy because embryos can be destroyed in the process, which some consider akin to killing human life.

Research, though, require a suitable supply of eggs for research, which is where donors like Miao come in.

The process involves hormone injections, producing more eggs per cycle than would

be considered normal and retrieval with anesthesia, said Debra Mathews of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics.

"We don't really have good data on the risks" of the donation process, Mathews said. "You're asking women to undergo this unknown risk for unknown benefit."

State Health Commissioner Richard Daines explained that the decision by the Empire State Stem Cell Board, which helps oversee \$600 million in state funding for stem cell studies over 11 years, would be a boon to researchers.

Most eggs taken for reproduction have been screened for health problems. What's necessary in stem cell research is often the reverse, because the intent is to understand diseases and find treatments for them.

"If a stem cell researcher is interested in something related to sickle cell disease, which we know is highly genetic, they might then say we are looking for a woman with this gene, and we will compensate them for the eggs," Daines said.

The Rev. Thomas Berg, a Roman Catholic priest in the Archdiocese of New York who sits on the board, was the only member to vote against the compensation policy.

He said he opposed using taxpayer money to entice vulnerable women to donate their eggs for what he called speculative research. "We have to understand that this is aimed at a bigger project of using embryonic human life as raw material for research," he said.

Dr. Kenneth Prager, a bioethicist at Columbia University Medical Center, said he understands the concerns raised about paying women to donate their eggs for research, but society has already deemed it ethical to pay women to donate eggs for reproduction.

"What is happening is that we are paying women approximately the same amount of money they are already getting for the donation of their eggs for fertility treatments," he said.

While the Empire State Stem Cell Board's decision on June



Professor Karim Nayernia, is seen at Newcastle University and the NorthEast England Stem Cell Institute (Nesci), in Newcastle, England, Wednesday, July 8, 2009. British scientists claimed Wednesday to have created human sperm from stem cells but other experts questioned their data. Researchers at Newcastle University and the NorthEast England Stem Cell Institute say they used a new technique to derive what they described as sperm cells from embryonic stem cells. Stem cells have the potential to become any cell in the body. Newcastle research leader Karim Nayernia said in a statement Wednesday that the technique would allow researchers to study how sperm develops and possibly help develop treatments for infertile men.

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11 makes it possible for women to donate their eggs expressly for stem cell research, the program is anticipated to be in place at the earliest by 2010, according to Claire Pospisil, a spokeswoman for the

state Department of Health. Research institutions would need to apply for the funding. The pay for donating eggs would be at least \$5,000, but it could be up to \$10,000 in certain cases. □

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In this July 16, 2009 file photo, Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor appears before the Senate Judiciary Committee, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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## No. 3 Republican to back Sotomayor for high court

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

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WASHINGTON — The Senate's No. 3 Republican announced Thursday he'd break with the rest of his party's leaders to support Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, who's in line to become the first Hispanic justice.

Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander said he was voting for President Barack Obama's nominee despite his differences with her, particularly on gun rights.

"Even though Judge Sotomayor's political and judicial philosophy may be different than mine, especially regarding Second Amendments rights, I will vote to confirm her because she is well qualified by experience, temperament, character and intellect to serve," Alexander said in a speech on the Senate floor.

Alexander, a conservative, is only the sixth Republican to line up publicly with majority Democrats to back Sotomayor, a New York City native and a federal appeals court judge. She's virtually guaranteed to be confirmed in a vote next week, and is expected to join the Supreme Court in time for an earlier-than-usual meeting in September to hear a campaign finance case. The others Republicans supporting her include fellow conservative Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and moderate Sens. Dick Lugar of Indiana, Mel Martinez of Florida, and Maine Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins.

The impending vote on Sotomayor has confronted the GOP with a political dilemma. Many senators are torn between their desire to please a conservative base that opposes Obama's nominee and a fear that doing so could alienate Hispanic voters, a fast-growing part of the electorate.

Alexander noted in his speech that as

a governor, he had named women and African Americans to the bench, as well as people from both parties.

"In the same way, it is my hope that my vote now not only will help to confirm a well-qualified nominee but will help to return the Senate to the practice, only recently lost, of inquiring diligently into qualifications of a nominee and then accepting that elections have consequences, one of which is to confer upon the president the constitutional right to nominate justices," Alexander said.

Hispanic leaders praised Alexander for his decision, and one sought to pressure publicly uncommitted Republicans and Democrats to follow his example. Claudine Karasik of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund said she hoped to see "similar statesman-like leadership by his colleagues from Nevada, Montana, Georgia, Alaska, Nebraska and Arizona."

Georgia Republican Sens. Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson both announced Thursday that they will vote no.

But others who have yet to announce how they will vote include: Democratic Sens. Max Baucus and Jon Tester of Montana, Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Mark Begich of Alaska and Republican Sens. John Ensign of Nevada, John McCain of Arizona, and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.

They all come from conservative states, and all but McCain have high ratings from the National Rifle Association, which calls Sotomayor "hostile" to the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms and plans to count a vote to confirm her against senators in its candidate ratings. The scores can hold major sway over politically active gun rights supporters and the lawmakers who represent them. □

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# Woman had baby taken from slain mom's womb

**HOLLY RAMER,**  
**Associated Press Writer**

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP) — Friends who watched Julie Corey show off a newborn baby girl wondered how she had been released from the hospital less than a day after giving birth. Then they heard her former neighbor had been found dead with a baby cut from her womb.

Corey, 35, of Worcester, Massachusetts, was ordered held on \$2 million bail in New Hampshire on Thursday, one day after being found with the baby at a homeless shelter.

Appearing in Concord District Court via video from jail, Corey said little during the hearing and did not waive extradition to be brought back to Massachusetts to face kidnapping charges. Judge Gerard Boyle ordered all police affidavits in the case sealed and scheduled a hearing

for Aug. 30.

Corey is accused of kidnapping an infant carried by Darlene Haynes, a mother of three who had been eight months' pregnant and was found dead Monday in her Worcester apartment.

Corey told acquaintances that she delivered her baby sometime late July 23 or early July 24 at an undisclosed hospital, and by later on the 24th was showing off the newborn, police said.

"Some friends became a little concerned about how she got home so early after just giving birth," Worcester Police Sgt. Kerry Hazelhurst said.

Police say the acquaintances contacted investigators after hearing news of Haynes' death.

Neighbors say Corey and a man she was with at the homeless shelter, 27-year-old Alex Dion, used to live in Haynes'

building and knew Haynes through her boyfriend. Dion was taken into custody and released to a family member.

The girl was in good condition at a Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth, where she was brought in Wednesday evening. Hospital spokeswoman Michele Hutchins said the baby was expected to be released to Massachusetts child protective services Thursday afternoon.

"The baby had a ribbon tied around the umbilical cord — not your normal umbilical cord-severing device, and with that it's pretty certain this is the baby from the murdered woman," Lt. Terry Kinneen, of the New Hampshire State Police, told WMUR-TV in Concord on Thursday.

A spokesman for the victim's family said Thursday it would be unfair to condemn Corey.

"At this point in time, I've got to be grateful to her because



**Julie Corey, left, stands with her appointed lawyer as she is arraigned by judge Gerard Boyle via video from the county jail in Bowscawen, N.H., in District Court in Concord, N.H., Thursday, July 30, 2009.**

*Associated Press*

she kept the baby alive," said Haynes' uncle, Karl Whitney said.

The exact cause of Haynes' death has yet to be determined, pending toxicology tests, but police said the autopsy indicated Haynes suffered head injuries.

It was not until the autopsy that authorities discovered the fetus was missing.

Haynes had a restraining order against her boyfriend, Roberto Rodriguez. Her landlord said Rodriguez moved out of the apartment last month.

Agnes Brady, a neighbor, said Corey knew Haynes through Rodriguez.

She described Corey as very friendly and recalled her once baking a lasagna for all the neighbors in the apartment building. Brady's son, Randy LaRose, said Corey had an 11-year-old son from a previous

relationship who also lived in the apartment.

Corey, Dion and the baby arrived at the homeless shelter in Plymouth, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) north of Concord, Tuesday night, director Catherine Bentwood confirmed. She said the girl looked comfortable. Corey identified herself as the mother and agreed to have the baby seen by a local pediatrician.

Bentwood said the shelter received a call late Wednesday afternoon asking if staffers could keep Corey there. Officers arrived shortly afterward and arrested her.

Whitney, Haynes' uncle, said the family is trying to make funeral arrangements while they sort through custody issues. "This has been one of the most horrific ordeals that our family has ever had to deal with," he said. □

## TERROR HEAD

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The indictment said some of the defendants took trips to Jordan, Israel and Pakistan.

Boyd was arrested Monday along with six others, including two of his sons.

Federal authorities are looking for an eighth man tied to the group, who is believed to be in Pakistan.

Robert Boyd, who is also a practicing Muslim, said he first learned of the charges against his brother while watching television.

Federal investigators say Daniel Boyd was the ringleader of the small North Carolina-based terrorist group and was involved in three years of international travel, gun buys and military-style training trips. Authorities claim the group was gearing up for a "violent jihad," though prosecutors haven't detailed any specific targets or timeframe.

When Daniel Boyd was in Pakistan and Afghanistan from 1989 to 1992, he had military-style training in terrorist camps and fought the Soviets, who were



**The Jamaat Ibad Ar-Rahman Mosque is seen in Durham, N.C., Tuesday, July 28, 2009. Daniel Patrick Boyd, one of six men indicted in the Eastern District of North Carolina's federal court on terrorism charges Monday attended this mosque occasionally. Boyd is accused of military-style training at home and plotting "violent jihad" through a series of terror attacks abroad.**

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ending their occupation of Afghanistan, according to the indictment. In 1991, Daniel Boyd and his brother Charles were convicted of robbing a bank in Pakistan, where they and their wives were living. A sentence that included amputations of a hand and foot was overturned.

Prosecutors said Boyd brought that training back to North Carolina, where he recruited followers willing to die as martyrs. Robert Boyd, who is also Muslim, said Daniel Boyd

didn't discuss what he did in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

"They talked about how beautiful it was over there," Robert Boyd said. "They loved it over there."

"As far as I was concerned he was with the mujahedeen trying to kick ass on the Russians and get them out of Afghanistan, which was backed by the United States," Robert Boyd said.

Robert Boyd said he didn't know of his brother Charles' whereabouts. □

## Alabama ban of wine with nude label is marketing boon

**By PHILLIP RAWLS**

**Associated Press Writer**

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama's ban on a wine that features a nude nymph on the label became a business opportunity for a California vintner who is preparing a marketing campaign to capitalize on being "Banned in Bama."

The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board recently told stores and restaurants to quit serving Cycles Gladiator wine because of the label. Board attorney Bob Martin said the stylized, art-nouveau rendition of a nude female with a flying bicycle violated Alabama rules against displaying "a person posed in an immoral or sensuous manner."

Bill Leigon, president of Hahn Family Wines in Soledad, Calif., said Thursday that visits to the company's Web site have increased tenfold since news of the ban broke late last week, and callers from across the country have been asking where they can buy the wine.

Because of the interest, he's developing store displays that say "Banned in Bama" and "Taste What They Can't Have in Alabama."

Hahn said he will never miss the 500 cases sold annually in Alabama. "There is going to be a significant increase in our sales," he predicted.

Rosanna Guardagno, a social psychologist at the University of Alabama, said a ban often increases people's interest in a product.

"The ABC Board, without realizing it, is going to boost their sales," she said. □



# Venezuela: Colombia trying to justify intervention



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez speaks after a signing ceremony with Spain's Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos at the Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Wednesday, July 29, 2009. Chavez recalled Venezuela's ambassador to Colombia and froze all diplomatic relations with the neighboring country on Tuesday to protest Bogota's suggestions that weapons found in a rebel arms cache came from Venezuela.

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez's government on Thursday accused Colombian authorities of trying to justify an intervention in Venezuela with its allegations that anti-tank weapons found in a rebel arms cache originated here.

In addition, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement that it will respond firmly to "every aggression from the Colombian government with very firm measures," as tensions between the neighboring nations rise over the allegations.

Chavez has recalled his ambassador to Colombia, while threatening to sever diplomatic ties completely, freeze commerce and expropriate Colombian-owned businesses.

Venezuela's ambassador to Bogota, Gustavo Marquez, accused Colombia of using the arms cache to "justify an intervention in Venezuela." He also denied Colombia's statement that Venezuelan authorities were notified about the weapons in June.

"I was never called," Marquez said.

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe complained over the weekend that anti-tank rocket launchers sold to Venezuela's military by Sweden during the 1980s were obtained by the leftist Revolutionary

Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. Sweden confirmed the weapons originally were sold to Venezuela's military.

Venezuela's response comes as Chavez's government criticizes negotiations between Bogota and Washington to expand the U.S. military presence in Colombia. Chavez is a strong critic of U.S. influence in the region and says U.S. forces in Colombia would be a threat to his country.

On Wednesday, the head of the Organization of American States, Jose Miguel Insulza, urged Venezuela not to break off diplomatic relations with Colombia or take other drastic steps such as halting commerce. Venezuela and Colombia share \$7.2 billion in annual trade.

But Bolivian exporters said that should Chavez follow through on his threat, they'd be prepared to take advantage of the opportunity to step up shipments of textiles and other goods.

"If they don't buy from Colombia, it's an ideal opportunity for the country," Guillermo Pou Mont, president of La Paz's export chamber, was quoted by Bolivia's Fides News Agency as saying. □



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# Police beat mourners in new wave of unrest in Iran

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Associated Press Writer

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) —

Iranian police fired tear gas and beat protesters to disperse thousands chanting “Neda lives!” Thursday at a memorial for victims of post-election violence held at the gravesite of the woman whose death made her an icon of the pro-reform movement, witnesses said.

The new wave of unrest showed the opposition’s continuing ability to harness anger over the crackdown, and more protests could erupt around the inauguration next week of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whose government has been virtually paralyzed by the crisis.

Thursday’s memorial gathering marked the end of the traditional 40-day mourning period for Neda Agha Soltan, a 27-year-old music student who was shot to death June 20. Her dying moments were filmed and circulated widely on the Internet, making her name a rallying cry for the opposition.

“Neda is alive! Ahmadinejad is dead!” chanted protesters, many holding up single red roses tied with green ribbons, the signature color of the opposition.

Plainclothes forces dispersed the crowd with tear gas and batons — and with chants of “Death to those who are against the supreme leader,” according to witnesses and state television.

The witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared reprisal. The government has banned media from covering some events, including Thursday’s memorial.

Demonstrations that drew thousands more later spread to other parts of the capital, Tehran, and more clashes with security forces erupted. Police fired tear gas, shots in the air and paintballs at hundreds of protesters on Vali Asr Street and other major avenues, witnesses said. Protesters set tires and trash cans ablaze in response. There was no word on casualties.

The opposition claims Ahmadinejad’s election



**This photo, taken by an individual not employed by the Associated Press and obtained by the Associated Press outside Iran shows an Iranian anti-riot police raising his baton to disperse protesters at an opposition rally at the Behesht-e-Zahra cemetery, just outside Tehran, Iran, Thursday, July 30, 2009.**

victory was a fraud and his government has been virtually paralyzed by the 7-week-old crisis. The president has come under attack from both the opposition and his own supporters, who were angered by his appointment of a controversial first vice president he was later forced to sack.

The government says 30 people have been killed in the crackdown, though human rights groups say the true number is likely much higher. Hundreds were arrested in the sweeps, including young protesters, politicians and longtime critics of the government.

Soltan and at least 24 others killed in the crackdown are buried at Behesht-e Zahra, the vast cemetery on Tehran’s southern outskirts, according to rights groups tracking the dead.

The site holds great symbolic weight. Many of those killed during the 1979 Islamic revolution are buried there, and the revolution’s leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has a gigantic mausoleum complex nearby. Those killed in Iran’s 1980-1988 war with Iraq are also buried in the cemetery, and families frequently visit the graves.

During the revolution, the deaths of protesters prompted

similar marches after the 40-day mourning period, which were often answered by security forces attacking mourners in a cycle that helped fuel the street uprising.

Police barred opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi from joining the crowd around Soltan’s grave Thursday, witnesses said. Mousavi and his supporters claim he is the true winner of the election.

An amateur video of Thursday’s memorial showed thousands marching through the cemetery, chanting and flashing victory signs. Some wore green T-shirts — the color of Mousavi’s movement.

When Mousavi tried to approach the grave, hundreds of police surrounded him as supporters chanted “Yaa Hossein, Mir Hossein” — comparing their leader to the Prophet Muhammad’s grandson Hussein, who is the most revered Shiite saint. Police forced Mousavi to leave, said witnesses who asked not to be identified out of security concerns.

Afterward, his supporters remained at the grave, chanting, “Death to the dictator,” as the crowd swelled to several thousand.

The police charge came when an ally of Mousavi, Mahdi Karroubi — who was also a candidate in the election —

tried to give a speech. Karroubi had to flee the site, and several of his aides were beaten and harassed, according to pro-opposition Web sites.

After the clash, thousands of supporters continued to pay their respects at Soltan’s grave. Passengers riding the subway from the cemetery to central Tehran chanted slogans against Ahmadinejad, shouting, “Traitor Mahmoud, we want you to become homeless,” witnesses said.

Police arrested two prominent Iranian filmmakers when they tried to lay flowers at Soltan’s grave — Jafar Panahi, whose film, “The Circle,” criticized the treatment of women under the Islamist government and is banned in Iran, and a female documentary maker, Mahnaz Mohammadi.

State Department spokesman Ian Kelly criticized the use of force to disperse the mourners, saying it was “particularly disturbing ... to break up a group of people who are trying to exercise an important ritual under Islam, the mourning after 40 days.”

Thousands more gathered at the main Mosalla mosque in central Tehran, with heavy security forces nearby and at other major intersections.

Though massive protests and deadly clashes erupted in the days and weeks after

the disputed election, Iran’s powerful Revolutionary Guard and its allied Basij militia have since adopted a zero-tolerance stance. Demonstrators have managed to hold several smaller protests in recent weeks, however.

Thursday’s protests showed the opposition movement still has momentum, fueled by growing anger over abuses of detainees and continuing arrests. Ahmadinejad is scheduled to take his oath of office before parliament on Aug. 5 and there is talk in some opposition circles of demonstrations in front of parliament and calls to wear black in mourning.

Ahmadinejad’s government has been paralyzed by a double blow — the election crisis and heavy criticism from within his own conservative camp over his appointment of Esfandiar Rahim Mashai as first vice president.

Mashai came under attack by conservatives for once calling Israelis friends of Iran, and Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei ordered Ahmadinejad to dismiss him in a humiliating setback. That was seen as a bid by Khamenei to prevent his hard-line supporters from splintering in the face of the opposition attack on the country’s clerical leadership. The top clerics were already deeply divided over the election outcome and the crackdown.

Allegations of torture against jailed protesters have become an embarrassment to the clerical leadership, bringing criticism from top clerics and even fellow conservatives.

Hundreds were arrested in the sweeps, including young protesters, politicians and longtime critics of the government. Many have been held in secret locations, without contact with relatives. In recent weeks, the bruised bodies of several young protesters have been handed over to families. The opposition has said detainees were tortured to extract false confessions for the courts.

Soltan’s mother, Hajar Soltan, said she was waiting for her daughter’s killer to be arrested and brought to justice. □





Multiple sclerosis sufferer Debbie Purdy, left, and her husband Omar Puente outside Britain's House of Lords in London after winning her appeal in the House of Lords Thursday July 30, 2009.

Associated Press

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LONDON (AP) — A disabled woman won her legal battle Thursday to force British authorities to say whether her husband would be prosecuted if he helped her commit suicide.

The House of Lords, Britain's highest court, ordered the government to draw up rules for when it will — and won't

— prosecute assisted suicide, which is illegal in the U.K. Debbie Purdy, who has multiple sclerosis, said the ruling "gives me my life back." The judgment is a defeat for those who argue that Britain's law on assisted suicide, already rarely enforced, risks being further weakened. Purdy, 46, had argued that if her husband, Cuban violinist Omar Puente, faced

# Woman handed victory in UK assisted suicide case

prosecution for helping her go abroad to commit suicide, she would go alone to spare him the legal trouble. She says knowing he is free from the threat of jail means she can live out her life a little longer because Puente could help her commit suicide even if she were too impaired to take the trip on her own.

"This decision means that I can make an informed choice, with Omar, about whether he travels abroad with me to end my life because we will know exactly where we stand," she said. Britain's Director of Public Prosecutors Keir Starmer said

he accepted the judgment and would put out an interim policy on assisted suicide by the end of September.

Although the judgment does not guarantee Puente or anyone else immunity if they help someone end another person's life, opponents of the practice say the ruling effectively invites authorities to say there are some instances in which they will not prosecute those who help others kill themselves.

While dozens of people from Britain have reportedly traveled to Switzerland to end their lives, no one has been

prosecuted for helping them travel there.

In one recent high-profile case, the parents of a 23-year-old partially paralyzed rugby player was spared prosecution — even though Starmer said there was enough evidence to charge them with taking their son abroad to help him kill himself.

Aiding or abetting suicide carries a maximum jail term of 14 years but the law is rarely enforced. Prosecutors have previously said that they will file charges only when it is in the public interest without going into details. □



A U.S. Army soldier assists in hauling away concrete barriers as his unit hands over their base to the Iraqi military south of Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday, July 25, 2009.

Associated Press

## MALLORCA

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Less than 36 hours earlier, a car bomb destroyed a police barracks in the northern Spanish city of Burgos, injuring about 60 people Wednesday.

If confirmed as ETA attacks, the blasts would conflict with government assertions that the group is seriously weakened after major police crackdowns in Spain and France in recent years.

The 50th anniversary of ETA's founding is Friday and the group may be trying to demonstrate with attacks on the two consecutive days before the milestone that it was not in any danger of breaking up.

The officers killed Thursday were aged 27 and 28. They belonged to the paramilitary Civil Guard, which is chiefly in charge of policing rural areas and guarding official buildings.

"I would like to condemn this new vile act, expressing the feelings of sorrow of all citizens," said Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who will fly to the island later Thursday.

Television images showed the charred and mangled remains of a vehicle that had been parked on a street in the Palmanova beach resort area, southwest of the island's capital, Palma de Mallorca.

Zapatero said the attacks have come at a time when Spanish police in collaboration with French counterparts, are hitting ETA hard "dismantling its organization, thwarting its action, identifying its members and detaining them more rapidly each time and in greater numbers."

The blast was caused by a bomb attached to the underneath of the vehicle, Interior Ministry official Ramon Socias said. Police believe the attack was carried out by an ETA cell that came to the island specifically to carry it out and was not based there, he said.

The island's airport and ports were closed shortly after 4 p.m. and reopened just under two hours later, police said.

Mallorca, with its golden sandy

beaches, mild Mediterranean climate and crystal clear waters is one of Europe's main tourist destinations and the explosion occurred at the height of the summer holiday season.

In June, about 2.6 million passengers used Mallorca airport while more than 22 million passed through it last year.

Most of the tourists come from Britain and Germany and tour operators said they were trying to make contact with them. A spokeswoman for British travel organization ABTA said there were an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 Britons on the island Thursday.

The blast occurred shortly before 2 p.m. The ministry said several people were injured but none was in serious condition.

ETA is now blamed for nine attacks this year. The group has killed more than 825 people since it launched its violent campaign in 1968 for an independent homeland in the Basque region of northern Spain. The group was founded July 31, 1959.

There were no warning calls before the attacks over the past two days and no group had claimed responsibility.

In Wednesday's attack, there were around 120 people in the 14-story barracks and surrounding buildings, a third of them children, at the time of the early morning blast. □

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# Islamist sect leader in Nigeria killed in custody

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MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)

— The leader of the Islamist sect blamed for days of violence in northern Nigeria has been shot and killed while in police custody, officials said Thursday.

The police commander of Borno state announced on state radio that Mohammed Yusuf, the leader of the sect some call the Nigerian Taliban, has “died in police custody.”

He gave no further explanation, but the state governor’s spokesman Usman Ciroma told The Associated Press: “I saw his body at police headquarters. I believe he was shot while he was trying to escape.”

Yusuf’s death could provoke more violence, though his followers in the Boko Haram sect may be in disarray after troops shelled his compound in the northern city of Maiduguri on Wednesday.

Yusuf, 39, managed to escape with about 300 followers, some of them armed. His deputy, Bukar Shekau, was killed in the attack, according to Army commander Maj. Gen. Saleh Maina.

Troops killed about 100 militants by an AP reporter’s count, half of them inside the sect’s mosque. Soldiers then launched a manhunt, and Yusuf was reportedly found in a goat’s pen at the home of his in-laws.

Human Rights Watch called reports of Yusuf’s killing “extremely worrying.”

“The Nigerian authorities must act immediately to investigate and hold to account all those responsible for this unlawful killing and any others associated with the recent violence in northern Nigeria,” said Corinne Dufka, the group’s senior West Africa researcher.

“The local commissioner of police should be immediately removed pending an investigation into Mr. Yusuf’s killing,” she said in a statement.

Seeking to impose Islamic Shariah law throughout this multi-religious country, the militants attacked police

stations, churches, prisons and government buildings in a wave of violence that began Sunday in Borno and quickly spread to three other northern states.

But, leading Nigerian rights groups accuse security forces of killing bystanders and other civilians. A military spokesman denied the charge and said it was impossible for rights workers to tell who was a civilian and who was a member of Boko Haram, which means “Western education is sin” in the local Hausa language.

The government warned people to evacuate the area before the attack on the compound Wednesday, then shelled the compound and stormed the group’s mosque inside, setting off a raging firefight with retreating militants armed with homemade hunting rifles and firebombs, bows and arrows, machetes and scimitars.

An AP reporter saw soldiers shoot their way into the mosque under fire and then raked those inside with gunshots.

The bodies of barefoot young men littered the streets of Maiduguri, the capital of Borno state, on Thursday morning as the army pursued the manhunt on the outskirts of the city. Police said most of the dead were fighters with Boko Haram.

Army Col. Ben Anahotu said three police officers were killed.

Officials said at least 4,000 people have been forced from their homes by Wednesday afternoon, but it was not known how many have been killed, wounded and arrested. President Umaru Yar’Adua said that security agents had been ordered to attack when the movement started gathering fighters from nearby states at its sprawling Maiduguri compound in preparation for “the holy war.”

The militants are also known as Al-Sunna wal Jamma, or “Followers of Mohammed’s Teachings,” and some Nigerian officials have referred to them as Taliban. Analyst Nnamdi K. Obasi of the International Crisis Group said a few have fought with that radical



In this photo taken Monday, July 27, 2009, arrested members of a local Islamic group sit outside a police station alongside their seized possessions in Kano, Nigeria. Nigerian authorities imposed curfews and poured security forces onto the streets of several northern towns on Tuesday after a two-day wave of Islamic militant attacks against police killed dozens of people.

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movement in Afghanistan.

League for Human Rights director Shamaki Gad Peter said that after the siege rights workers saw the bodies of up to 20 people who were unarmed and appeared to have been shot from behind, possibly trying to escape the mayhem, he said.

Military spokesman Col. Mohammed Yerima initially denied allegations that the military intentionally killed civilians but said that the militants were indistinguishable from civilians.

“All the civilians that were living in that place were evacuated, to our knowledge,” he said. “And those that remained in that enclave are loyalists and members of the group. So the issue of whether we have killed innocent civilians is not true.”

He added, “The issue of identifying who is the Taliban or not, the human rights groups are not fair to security agencies because they don’t have any marks on their faces. There is no way to know if this is Taliban or this is not.” Maiduguri resident Linda Dukwa said she had seen police execute two men Monday, frightening her and her family so badly that they did not venture out of their

house, even for food, for days afterward.

The men “were dressed in white robes,” she said, indicating they were sect members. “They were held by policemen. Then they shot their feet. After they fell on

the ground, they (police) shot their heads.”

National police spokesman Emmanuel Ojukwu denied such allegations of executions.

“We respect the rules of combat,” he said. □



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# Seven more worlds records knock off Beijing

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

ROME (AP) — Seven more world records at the world swimming championships on Thursday pushed the total to 29, sending Rome past last summer's Beijing Olympics that were thought to be the limit of speed in the pool.

The Water Cube has been left in the dust — and there's still three more days of competition at Foro Italico.

With Michael Phelps cheering him on, Ryan Lochte got things rolling by breaking Phelps' mark in the 200-meter individual medley. The Chinese women finished it off, eclipsing the 4x200 freestyle relay mark by more than two seconds, with the Americans also breaking the previous record but earning only silver.

How fast were they swimming in those high-tech suits that

## Hail Cesar



Brazil's Cesar Cielo Filho celebrates after winning the gold medal in the final of the Men's 100m Freestyle at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Rome, Thursday, July 30, 2009.

Associated Press

soon will be banned by FINA?

More than half of the 13 races on Thursday, including semifinals and finals, produced world records. They were falling so fast, the crowd barely had time to cheer before another mark dropped.

"I think it's only been two or three races that haven't had a world record," said Australia's Jess Schipper, who got in on the fun by taking down the old standard in the 200 butterfly. So, is that a good thing? Or does it lessen the accomplishment when just about everyone is going faster than ever before? "It's hard to say," Schipper said.

"It's been a very exciting meet. It's been very fast. But we all knew it was going to be fast coming in here, so nobody can say that they didn't expect this.

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In this July 31, 2005, file photo, Boston Red Sox' David Ortiz, left, sits with teammate Manny Ramirez in the dugout during their game against the Minnesota Twins at Fenway Park in Boston.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz became the latest star implicated in Major League Baseball's ever-growing drug

scandal, acknowledging the players' union confirmed on Thursday he tested positive in 2003. Shortly after hitting the key home run that beat

# Ortiz says union told him of 2003 positive test

Oakland 8-5, Ortiz responded to a story on The New York Times' Web site that he and former teammate Manny Ramirez tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs six years ago. "I've just been told that the report is true," Ortiz said in a statement after contacting the union. "Based on the way I lived my life I'm surprised to learn I tested positive." The popular Big Papi, who had never been linked to drugs, said he intended to find out what was in his system and would tell the Red Sox and the public. "You know me — I will not hide and I will not make excuses," he said. Alex Rodriguez, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa are among the many MLB All-Stars tainted

by the drug cloud, which has called into question some of the MLB's greatest achievements over the last two decades. Ortiz and Ramirez led the Red Sox to the World Series title in 2004 — their first in 86 years — and another championship in 2007. Ramirez, now with the Los Angeles Dodgers, recently served a 50-game suspension for violating MLB's drug policy. Asked about this second alleged doping violation, Ramirez told reporters in St. Louis: "You want more information, I'm pretty sure you guys got the phone number to the union. Call the union, and they can explain that to you guys." More than 100 major leaguers tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs

in 2003 — the results were supposed to be anonymous and are now under court seal. "Precisely for that reason, the Players Association will not, indeed cannot, comment on whether the information is accurate," union leader Donald Fehr said. The Times' story cited lawyers involved in pending litigation over the testing results who spoke anonymously because the information is under seal by a court order. The newspaper did not say what the players tested positive for. The results from the 2003 tests were supposed to remain anonymous but were seized by federal agents. Rodriguez admitted using performance-enhancing drugs after he was linked to the 2003 list. □



# Woods' putting puts him in trouble at Buick Open

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AP Sports Writer

GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP, Michigan (AP) — Tiger Woods continued at the Buick Open where he left off from the British Open in shooting a 1-under 71 on Thursday. He finished the first round tied for 128th on putts inside 10 feet and eight shots behind leader Steve Lowery.

"Probably one of the worst putting days I've ever had," Woods said. "It was just terrible."

Two weeks ago in the British Open, Woods was 7 over during a six-hole span and ended up missing a cut for the first time in three years.

If Woods fails to break 70 in the second round on Friday, he will put himself in danger of missing cuts in consecutive tournaments for the first time as a pro. It's too early, though, to count him out for the weekend at Warwick Hills even though the cut is usually 3 or 4 under. He opened the 2005 Buick Open with a 71, bounced back with a course-record tying 61 and finished tied for second.

"I not only have to play well to make the cut, I got to play well to get myself back in contention," said the two-time Buick Open champion, whose worst finish in eight previous stops here was a tie for 11th.

"Guys are going to continue

to go low. That's the way the golf course is playing right now.

"It's going to be 20-plus to win."

It usually is.

The average winning score has been almost 21 under par since 2000 at Warwick Hills, one of the easiest courses on the U.S. PGA Tour.

Lowery took advantage of perfect conditions — smooth, receptive greens and calm winds — in the morning by tying a course record with a 29 on the front nine and finishing 9-under 63.

John Senden also did, making five straight birdies in the morning and finishing with nine to end up only a shot off the lead.

Y.E. Yang, James Nitties, Vaughn Taylor, Brian Vranesh were two strokes back with 65s.

The 48-year-old Lowery hasn't finished better than 24th this year. He won at

Pebble Beach last year, earning a third victory on the tour and his first since 2000.

Lowery has an 18-hole lead for the 19th time and is hoping to turn that tenuous position at the Buick Open into a title for just the second time in his career.

"It looks like the weather is going to be pretty mild this week, so my (prediction to win) was 24 under," Lowery said. "Obviously 9 under is a great start, but if you don't follow it up the rest of the week, it ain't going to hang around."

"You got to get it done for the last three days."

Woods didn't see his awful performance coming.

He was pleased with his practice sessions following his flop at the British Open and had five birdies on the front nine during Wednesday's pro-am.

Woods was accurate off the tee early, missing only one fairway before making the



Steve Lowery drives on the 8th hole during the first round of the Buick Open at Warwick Hills in Grand Blanc, Mich., Thursday, July 30, 2009.

Associated Press

turn, and his approach shots were solid. But his putter let him down.

Woods three-putted from 12 feet on his second hole for bogey and missed a 6-foot par putt on 5, leading to a big sigh and slumped shoulders.

He pulled makable putts at 15 and 17.

Woods did make a clutch

putt from 20-plus feet to save par at No. 4, but the result was the only thing he liked.

"I actually pulled it," he said. "I hit a bad putt there, went in. I hit a really good putt at 15, hit something and went left."

"It's just one of those days. One of those weird days." □

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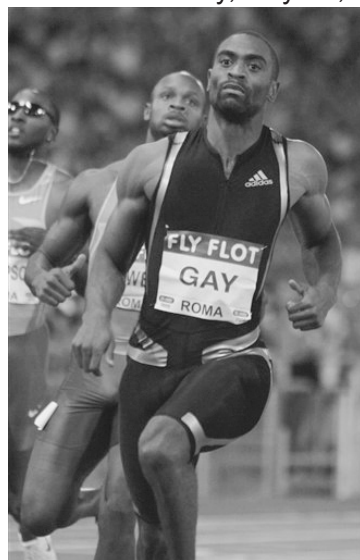


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**Tyson Gay of United States, foreground, wins the men's 100 meters ahead of Asafa Powell of Jamaica, midground, during the IAAF Golden Gala in Rome's Olympic stadium, Friday, July 10, 2009.**

*Associated Press*

**STEPHAN NASSTROM**

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**STOCKHOLM** (AP) — American Tyson Gay and Asafa Powell of Jamaica are set to square off against each other again in the 100 meters at the DN Gala athletics meet on Friday.

In their last head-to-head meeting in Rome this month, Gay posted the fastest time of the year in 9.77 seconds. Powell was second in 9.88.

Three other American sprinters — Travis Padgett, Darvis Patton and Rae Edwards — have entered Friday's race. Gay won gold medals in the 100, 200 and the 4x100-meter

# Gay to meet Powell in 100 meters

relay with the American team at the 2007 worlds, but he did not compete in Stockholm last year after a series of injuries. Gay won the 200-meter race at the London Grand Prix in 20.00 seconds this past weekend, but then needed pain killers to numb an aching groin.

"This is my last race before the world championships, so it's very important," said Gay, who is seen as one of the leading challengers to world record-holder Usain Bolt in Berlin next month.

"The (Olympic Stadium) track is fast, but the fans and conditions are the reasons for world records," added Gay. "I'm sure everyone is lining up to run their personal best as myself."

Powell is attempting to become only the second man in history to post more than 50 sub-10 second results in the 100. Maurice Greene of the United States tops the all-time list with 53.

A former world record-holder, Powell won last year's race in Stockholm in 9.88, edging eventual Olympic champion and fellow Jamaican Bolt by a hundredth of a second.

That was Powell's third straight win at the Olympic Stadium. In 2007, he won in

10.04. A year earlier, he set the stadium record of 9.86.

Every athlete who sets a new stadium record will earn a 1-carat diamond worth \$10,000. "It's exciting to come to a meet where they award a special gift like the diamond for a stadium record," Gay said.

Steven Hooker of Australia, who won the pole vault gold in last year's Beijing Olympics, also wants a diamond.

"I believe if the conditions

are good (Russian) Rodion Gataullin's 20-year-old stadium record (5.95) is achievable," Hooker said.

Two others in the pole vault field have cleared more than six meters — 2004 Olympic silver medalist Toby Stevenson of the United States and Paul Burgess, another Australian.

Among other Olympic champions competing are Jeremy Wariner of the United States, Yuriy Borzakowski and

Tatyana Lebedeva of Russia, Dayron Robles of Cuba and Andreas Thorkildsen of Norway.

Wariner is looking for his fourth straight win in the 400. His stadium record of 43.50 earned him a diamond in 2007.

Stockholm's Olympic Stadium was built for the 1912 Olympic Games and has seen 83 world records set, more than at any other venue in the world. □

**SEVEN MORE**

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I think that the world records, while they may have been helped with the suits, it still has a lot to do with the swimmer and the work you've put in."

The swimmers are enjoying the ride, knowing this might be as fast as they'll ever swim and have it count. Some of these records could stand for years, even decades, if FINA follows through on its plan to ban bodysuits in 2010 and ensure that next-generation attire is made from textile fabrics instead of buoyant materials such as polyurethane.

Soaking up some rays on the sunny side of the stadium, a bare-chested Phelps joined in the celebration when Lochte touched in 1 minute, 54.10 seconds. That broke Phelps' gold-medal time of 1:54.23 from Beijing.

And Lochte did it wearing the year-old Speedo LZR Racer, just as Phelps was the previous night when he broke his own world record in the 200 butterfly.

"Everyone is complaining about all these new suits, blah blah blah, and I go out there and wear the same suit that's been out there and I just give it to them," Lochte said.

Lochte would have liked Phelps in the water, not the stands. Phelps had the day off, the result of a reduced schedule in Rome. Not quite as fit as he was last year, he dropped both the 200 and 400 individual medley from his program.

"It feels good to do that (world record), but at the same time I wish he was doing it," Lochte said. "I love a challenge. And I love racing against him, because he is one of the best swimmers ever. Anytime I can race against him, I would be more than happy to."

Laszlo Cseh of the Hungary took the silver in 1:55.24, and American Eric Shanteau captured his first major international medal with a bronze.

Shanteau competed at last year's Olympics after being diagnosed with testicular cancer, and his perseverance paid off on a very strong night. He also posted the second-fastest time in the semifinals of the 200 breaststroke, surpassed only by — what else? — a world record, this one by Australia's Christian Sprenger in the first heat.

In one of the most anticipated races of the night, Brazil's Cesar Cielo became the first swimmer to break 47 seconds in the 100 freestyle and have it stand, holding off France's Alain Bernard.

Cielo won the furious down-and-back race in 46.91, beating Eamon Sullivan's mark of 47.05 set during the semifinals of the Beijing Olympics.

Bernard won the Olympic gold when he beat Sullivan in the final. But the big Frenchman had to settle for silver in Rome at 47.12, with countryman Fred Bousquet also reaching the medal stand in third.

Cielo won the 50 free in Beijing, and now he's got a 100 title on his resume.

"I just did what I had to do compared to last year," said Cielo, who broke down in tears on the medal stand. "I'm a lot more mature. I learned a lot, grew up a lot and I'm stronger, too. It all just came together."

Bernard did break 47 seconds this year in the 100 free, but his mark was thrown out because his suit had not been approved by FINA. Eventually, the governing body cleared just about every suit for the world championships, while vowing to rein things in next year.

For now, it's just records, records and more records.

Canada's Annanmay Pierse set a new standard in the women's 200 breast during the semifinals. Her time of 2:20.12 beat Rebecca Soni's record of 2:20.22 from Beijing, but the American will have a chance to take the mark even lower when they meet in the final on Friday.

China's Zhao Jing won the women's 50 backstroke, a non-Olympic event, in 27.06 seconds. That knocked off the record set a day earlier by Russia's Anastasia Zueva (27.38), who didn't even get a medal, as it turned out. She finished fourth in the final.

Schipper rallied on the final lap of the 200 breast to win in 2:03.41 seconds. That beat the 2:04.14 posted a day earlier by American Mary Descenza in the preliminaries. Like Zueva, Descenza not only lost her record but a medal by finishing fourth.

Schipper had barely climbed from the water when fellow Aussie Sprenger won his semifinals heat of the 200 breast in 2:07.31, edging out Japanese star Kosuke Kitijima's mark of 2:07.51 set in 2008.

China finished it out in style, holding off the American women in a thrilling 4x200 free relay. The Chinese built a big lead and held on to win in 7:42.08, which easily surpassed the mark of 7:44.31 set by Australia at the Beijing Games. The U.S., with Allison Schmitt putting on a furious charge from the anchor leg, was second in 7:42.56. □

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# El ex presidente Gaviria respalda a Uribe en la crisis con Venezuela

Bogotá, 30 jul (EFE)- El ex mandatario colombiano César Gaviria abogó ayer por conformar un respaldo unánime al presidente Álvaro Uribe, haciendo “un alto en el camino en las críticas y desacuerdos” con su gestión, para lograr salir de la actual crisis con Venezuela.

“Vamos a rodear al presidente Uribe” para “empezar a desactivar algunos de los conflictos que hay” tanto con Venezuela como con Ecuador, pidió en una entrevista con Caracol Radio el ex presidente (1990-1994), que fue secretario general de la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA) de 1994 a 2004.

Uribe tiene una “tarea compleja” por delante, ya

que debe tratar “de preservar y defender la seguridad de Colombia, y al mismo tiempo mantener una relación cordial con los vecinos”, reflexionó Gaviria, jefe del Partido Liberal, el principal de oposición en el país.

El gobernante venezolano, Hugo Chávez, ordenó el martes congelar las relaciones con Colombia por las acusaciones “irresponsables” de Bogotá sobre el supuesto desvío de armas suecas vendidas en los ochenta a su país hacia la guerrilla de las FARC.

Mientras, el Gobierno de Uribe aseguró ayer que entregó a Venezuela el pasado 2 de junio “de manera discreta” la información sobre la posesión de esas armas por

parte de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) para “obtener una aclaración” de Caracas, que “no ha dado respuesta alguna”.

En un comunicado difundido hoy por el Ministerio de Exteriores, el Gobierno de Chávez afirma que en el fondo de esta crisis está el deseo de Colombia de justificar la “entrega en comodato” de su territorio a Estados Unidos con la excusa de que Venezuela representa una amenaza.

Colombia negocia un acuerdo con Washington para que

EE.UU. pueda usar sus bases militares que ha sido el germen de esta última crisis con Venezuela.

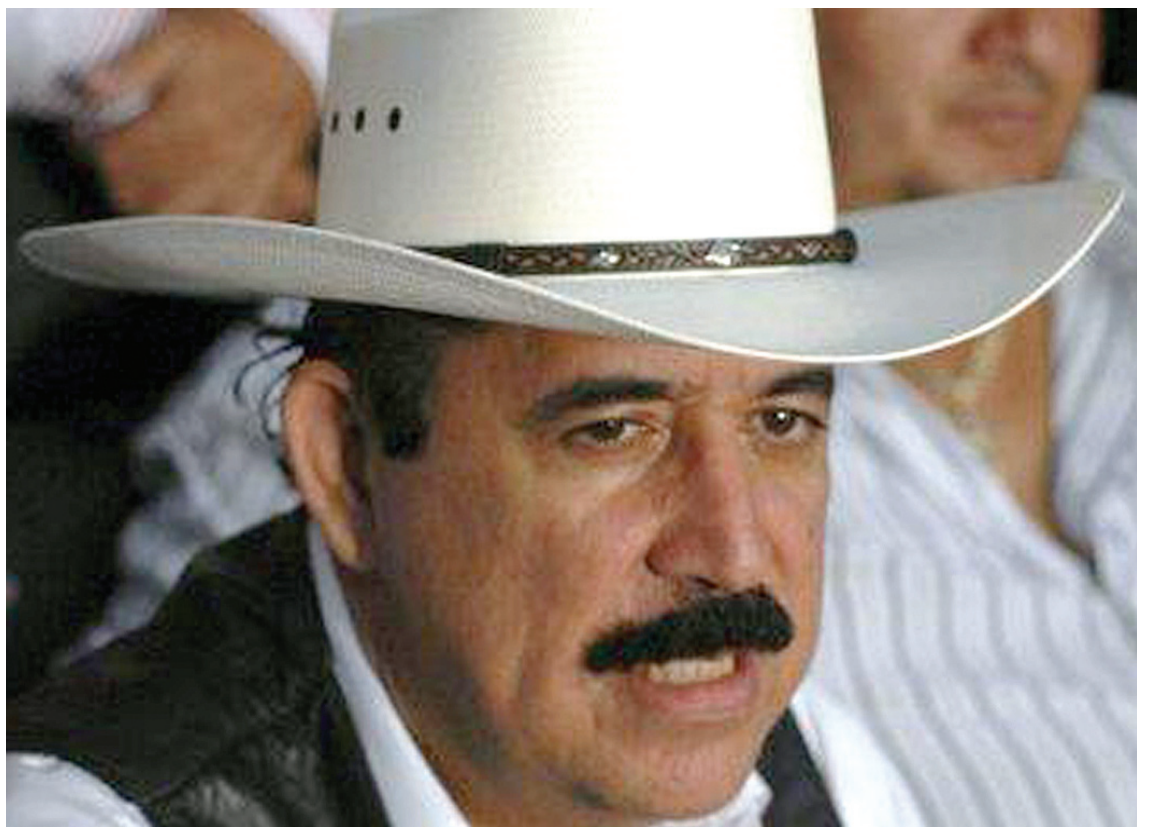
En los últimos años ha sido “vigorosísima” la presencia militar de EE.UU. en Colombia y “eso no ha interferido en la relación con los vecinos”, argumentó hoy Gaviria.

“Yo no descarto la mediación”, agregó el ex mandatario en alusión a la disposición expresada por Brasil a trabajar para “recomponer” la confianza entre Venezuela y Colombia.

Por su parte, el también

opositor Partido Conservador de Colombia emitió hoy un pronunciamiento en el que “respalda la política internacional del Gobierno del presidente Álvaro Uribe, la cual se ha caracterizado por la prudencia, la no intervención en asuntos de otros Estados”. Empresarios de 19 gremios se reunieron con varios ministros de Uribe para analizar las consecuencias económicas de la crisis con Venezuela, uno de los principales socios comerciales de Colombia, y fijar una postura común al respecto. □

## Manuel Zelaya dice que formará “ejército popular” en la frontera entre Nicaragua y Honduras



Ocotal, NICARAGUA - El depuesto presidente hondureño anunció que su ejército será pacífico, con compatriotas leales, para tratar de regresar a su país a revertir el golpe de Estado que lo sacó del poder hace un mes.

“Mañana (jueves) empezamos la etapa de capacitación, formación, entrenamiento y vigilancia de este Ejército Popular y pacífico que necesita Honduras para defender sus derechos”, afirmó Zelaya, durante un mitin con 300 seguidores hondureños en la ciudad de Ocotal, 226 km al norte de Managua.

Los entrenamientos se realizarán en fincas

que el depuesto gobernante está buscando en las afueras de Ocotal, para intentar un tercer retorno en los próximos días, con el apoyo de la comunidad internacional.

Zelaya, quien fue desplazado del poder el pasado 28 de junio, instaló en Ocotal su base de operaciones con el consentimiento -según dijo- del presidente nicaragüense, Daniel Ortega.

Afirmó que permanece en Nicaragua en calidad de “huésped” del presidente Ortega, quien le aseguró que no hiciera caso a la oposición política nicaragüense que lo acusa de violar la soberanía con su presencia en la frontera. □

## Chile con déficit fiscal 2,6 pct PIB 1er semestre

SANTIAGO (Reuters) - Chile tuvo un déficit fiscal en el primer semestre equivalente a un 2,6 por ciento del Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) estimado para el año, en línea con el resultado negativo de 4,1 por ciento proyectado para todo el 2009, dijo el jueves el Gobierno.

En el segundo trimestre el saldo negativo alcanzó a un 1,8 por ciento del PIB anual estimado, por encima del déficit de 0,7 por ciento registrado en los primeros tres meses del año, dijo a periodistas el director de Presupuestos, Alberto Arenas.

El funcionario explicó que en el primer semestre los ingresos del Gobierno Consolidado cayeron un 34,6 por ciento real frente al mismo período del 2008.

“La caída del primer semestre (de los ingresos) debiera amortiguarse en el segundo; ello, tanto producto de la recuperación que ha experimentado el precio del cobre, como porque el segundo semestre del 2008 representa una menor base de comparación para esta variable”, dijo Arenas.

Los gastos del Gobierno central consolidado en el semestre crecieron un 18,1 por ciento, en medio de un alza en la inversión pública para enfrentar los efectos de la crisis global.

En el primer trimestre, Chile tuvo un déficit fiscal equivalente a 0,7 por ciento del PIB, un nivel que se debiera repetir en el tercer y cuarto trimestre del año, estimó Arenas.

Chile es el principal productor de cobre en el mundo y los ingresos por las ventas del metal son clave para el fisco. El jueves la estatal Cochilco mejoró su pronóstico de precio promedio anual del cobre a 1,95 dólar por libra en 2009, desde un cálculo previo de 1,75 dólar.

“El cobre está trayendo buenas noticias y como director de Presupuestos esperamos que esas noticias se mantengan buenas en el cobre y tengamos los mejores ingresos durante el 2009”, dijo. □





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